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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 6231

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6231**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details with respect to the Trust below, details of which can be found below:

1. Approximately how many endoscopes does the trust own?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust own 24 endoscopes.

2. What brands of endoscope does the Trust own?

BBraun, Wolf, Storz and Zeiss

3. On average how old are the endoscopes that the Trust owns?

BBraun, paediscopes change every 15 cycles others range from 1-10 years. Zeiss 4-1 year. Storz 7-2 years. Wolf 4-1 year

4. Approximately how many of the trust endoscopes are under OEM Warranty?

24

5. Does the trust subcontract the maintenance of endoscopes and associated equipment such as stack systems and monitors to an outside provider(s) or does it maintain the devices using internal engineers?

Off site sterile service provider.

6. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the name of the company(s)?

Steris IMS.

7. If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?

£ 464,213 this is a joint collaboration with Whiston and St Helens Hospitals.

8. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract type - PPM/ Fully-Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support?

Fully comprehensive.

9. If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?

29/06/2025

10. Does your contract include the provision of loan endoscopes to temporarily replace endoscopes that are in for repair?

Yes.

11. Please provide the name, email address and phone number of the role responsible for managing endoscopy equipment within the trust.

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12. Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of the individual responsible for managing endoscopy contracts within the trust?

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13. If endoscopy is part of a Managed Equipment Service (MES) at the trust, please provide details of the service provider and specify the services provided including whether staffing is part of the MES.

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6231 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

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