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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. Approximately how many endoscopes does the trust own?**

Approximately 119.

Rigid scopes by supplier 205

Managed Service scopes STORZ

81 Scopes in total across mainly General /Gynae /GU 10MM & 5MM 0 DEG /12 DEG/ & 30 DEG  
Service was set up 2016

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Storz = 22 scopes

Olympus = 8 scopes

approx. age range of scopes is

5 dated pre-2010, x8 2011 to 2019, x5 2021, x3 2022 & x9 2023

GU;-

Storz = 17 scopes

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Wolf = 5 scopes

Olympus =1

Approx. age range of scopes is- x5 pre 2010 , x 5 2010 to 2018, x6 2021 x2 2022, x4 2023, x1 2024

GYNAE;-

Storz = 7 scopes

Wolf = 11 scopes

Approx age range of scopes is- x10 pre 2010 , x5 x2021, x3 2024

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Storz=12 scopes

Approx age range of scopes is- x3 pre 2010 , x2 2018, x7 2021 to 2023

All above scopes outside of the Managed service when repairs are required are funded by Theatres Budget.

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Storz = x11 scopes

Wolf =x6 scopes

Hologic = x20 scopes

Liteoptics -x2 scopes

Tentarra x2 scopes

**2. What brands of endoscope does the Trust own?**

Olympus - rigid scopes see above data.

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

6 Years.

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

8 Scopes – rigid scopes 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?**

Storz managed Equipment is maintained by Storz via Managed Equipment contract. Non-managed rigid scopes external 3rd party providers

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

Olympus Keymed

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7. **If an external provider(s) is used, what was the value of the contract when awarded?**  
£2.5m

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

9. **If an external provider(s) is used, what is the contract renewal date(s)?**  
01.04.26

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

11. **Please provide the name, email address and phone number of the role responsible for managing endoscopy equipment within the trust.**  
Names, job titles and email addresses (other than that of our board of directors) constitute personal data.

Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. In our view, disclosure of this information would breach the data protection principles contained in the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018

In reaching this decision, we have particularly considered:

- The reasonable expectations of the employees given their positions; Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considered that none of the individuals would have a reasonable expectation that their personal data would be disclosed;
- The consequences of disclosure; and
- any legitimate public interest in disclosure.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test

12. **Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of the individual responsible for managing endoscopy contracts within the trust?**  
Please see Q11.

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.**  
Karl Storz, equipment only, does not include staffing.

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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