

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-087**

Date 13 February 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

**Please can you provide the following information for your Computed Radiography X-ray equipment used within the Trust? Please complete the attached excel document entitled 'Modalities Computed Radiography FOI Form' with the requested information.**

**Equipment Install Base**

- **Manufacturer**
- **Model**
- **Date Equipment Installed**
- **Expected Date Of Equipment Replacement**
- **How was equipment purchased**

**Maintenance**

- **Is the equipment covered under a maintenance agreement**
- **Cover type**
- **Internal Departmental Contract Owner, Name**
- **Maintenance Cost Per Annum Per Item**

**General**

- **Details of replacement strategy for capital equipment**
- **Approximate number of Cassette and IP replacements per year**
- **Budgeted cost for IP replacement**

Please find the Trust's response in the attached spreadsheet.

**Public Interest Test - Application of Section 43**

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

**Public interest considerations favouring disclosure**

There is a public interest in disclosing information to facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly.

There is also a public interest in ensuring that this is competition for public sector contracts.

### **Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information**

Against disclosure is that the release of the requested information is commercially sensitive in that disclosing this information would reduce the number of companies willing to do business with the public sector, leading to reduced competition and increased costs.

Against disclosure is the public interest is the potential that by releasing the requested information would or would prejudice someone's commercial interests i.e. damage a company's reputation or the confidence that customers, suppliers or investors may have in a company.

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, I have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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