

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-719**

Date 22 March 2018

Dear Madam

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

1) Intra-ocular Lenses

When is your current Intraocular lens contract for Ophthalmology up for renewal?	August 2019
Who is your current Intraocular lens provider/providers?	Alcon – Main Supplier Rayner – Special Lens
How long will your future Intraocular tender contract run for?	This is confirmed with this Division at the time of Tender.
What is the value of your current Intraocular lens contract?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time.
What is the price of your most used IOL?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time.
Do you use Toric Lenses for NHS patients or for private?	NHS Patients
Who is your current Toric Lens supplier?	Rayner & Alcon
Do you have a Toric pathway?	Yes
Do you currently have a managed service in place for Ophthalmology?	No

2) Cataract Equipment

When is your Phaco machinery contract up for renewal?	August 2019
How many Phaco machines do you currently have at your sites?	1 x Alcon (Infinity) 2 x Alcon (Centurion)
Who is your current provider of the Phaco machinery?	Alcon
How long will the future Phaco contract run for?	This is confirmed with this Division at the time of Tender.
What is the value of your Phaco machinery?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time
How many Phaco hand-pieces do you have?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time

3) Vitro Retinal (VR) Equipment

When is your Vitro retinal machinery contract up for renewal?	August 2019
How many Vitro retinal machines do you currently have at your sites?	3 x Constellation Machines
Who is your current provider of your vitro retinal machinery?	Alcon
How long will the Vitro retinal contract run for?	This is confirmed with this Division at the time of Tender.
What is the value of your vitro retinal machinery?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time

4) Cataract and VR Custom PAKS

When is your cataract custom PAKS contract up for renewal?	Extension until August 2019 but we hold the right to retender before this date.
Who is your current custom PAKS provider?	Unisurge
How long will your custom PAKS contract run for?	To be confirmed with Division at time of Tender
What is the value of your Cataracts custom Packs for the current contract?	
When is your VR custom PAKS contract up for renewal?	Extension until August 2019 but we hold the right to retender before this date.
Who is your current VR custom PAK provider?	Alcon
How long will the VR custom PAKS contract run for?	This is confirmed with this Division at the time of Tender.
What is the value of your VR custom Packs for the current contract?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time
What products are in your standard VR custom Packs?	This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level. Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time

Public Interest Test:

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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