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Subject: Thoracoscopy Service

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Do any hospitals within your trust provide a thoracoscopy services (rigid and/or semi-rigid)? Please specify which site(s).

**We offer semi-rigid medical thoracoscopy at the Whiston site of MWL**

2. If so, please specify:

2.1 The type(s) of thoracoscopy available if known (rigid and or semi-rigid).

**The thoracoscope is semi-rigid**

2.2 Please provide the manufacturer and model of the thoracoscopy equipment currently in use.

**The scope manufacturer is Olympus, model is LFT – H290**

2.3 The location where these procedures are carried out (e.g., operating theatres, endoscopy unit, procedural room, etc.).

**These procedures are undertaken in the Endoscopy Unit at Whiston Hospital**

2.4 The department responsible for these procedures.

**The respiratory department are responsible for these procedures**

2.5 The number of thoracoscopy procedures performed annually (if available).

**This service was only started in July 2024 so we do not have a full years worth of data as yet. We have performed 23 procedures since July and anticipate 25-30 procedures annually going forward**