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Date:	7 th July 2025
Subject:	Depth of Hypnosis (anaesthesia) / processed EEG (pEEG) monitors

REQUEST

I would like to request a list of all the Depth of Hypnosis (anaesthesia) / processed EEG (pEEG) monitors currently in use within the Trust please, specifically Medtronic/ BIS, Narcotrend, Entropy and Sedline

1. Name of hospital
2. Department
3. Manufacturer and model of unit(s) in use
4. Age of each unit (date installed or date purchased)
5. Whether the monitor is bought outright or loaned as part of consumables deal
6. Cost of monitor or consumables
7. E-mail address of equipment lead for theatres and ICU

RESPONSE

1. Whiston Hospital
2. Theatres
3. Medtronic BIS
4. 6 installed October 2023, 11 installed February 2024
5. Loaned as part of a consumable deal
6. Section 43 – Commercial Interests – of the Freedom of Information Act sets out an exemption to disclosure if:
The release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial Interests of any person. (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity.)

Information can only be withheld under this exemption if the public authority is satisfied that to release the information would damage someone's commercial

Interests. A commercial Interest relates to a person's ability to participate competitively in a commercial activity

Where a public authority is satisfied that the release of information would prejudice someone's commercial Interests, it can only refuse to provide the information if it is satisfied that the public Interest in withholding the information outweighs the public Interest in disclosing it.

The bias is in favour of disclosure and there will be occasions where information is released even though it is likely to prejudice someone's commercial Interest. If the public Interest is in favour of disclosure, the FOIA requires the information to be released.

In consideration of this exemption, the public interest test has been undertaken to weigh the public interest in disclosure against the benefits of maintaining the commercial confidentiality of the information. The public interest test is shown below:

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Disclosure	Non-Disclosure
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Outcome – Following the public interest test, the Trust will maintain the confidentiality of the information by applying the section 43 exemption. The information requested in Q6 would allow for the price per item to be calculated. This is likely to have a substantial impact on negotiations for future purchases of Monitors and consumables for the Trust and a third party, and for our suppliers.	

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1. Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals
2. Theatres
3. Narcotrend and Mindray
4. 5 x Narcotrend purchased November 2021 and 12 x Mindray purchased February 2023
5. Bought outright
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