

Ref. No: 2015
Date: 29th August 2025
Subject: Supplier & Service of Patient Weighing Scales

REQUEST

1. The name of the supplier/s who service your weighing devices (baby scales, chair scales, floor scales, column scales, patient transfer scales, bench scales for example)
2. How many weighing devices are covered by this contract?
3. A List of these devices stating make/model How many addresses are covered by this contract?
4. What standard (or average) price per scale do you pay for servicing
5. The date that the servicing contract ends.
6. The value of total spend on weighing devices (split between patient weighing and other) excluding servicing in the last 3 calendar years split by year; split by each site/address
7. The value of that spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 calendar years split by year.
8. Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?
9. Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?
10. If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?
11. Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?
12. How many suppliers were invited to tender/were considered for your current contract
13. What was the decision criteria with regard to the current contract including any weighting

RESPONSE

- 1. The name of the supplier/s who service your weighing devices (baby scales, chair scales, floor scales, column scales, patient transfer scales, bench scales for example)**

See note 1 – supplier names are in our contract publications

- 2. How many weighing devices are covered by this contract?**

119 scales at Southport & Ormskirk sites

44 scale on Whiston, St Helens & Newton sites

- 3. A List of these devices stating make/model How many addresses are covered by this contract?**

Please see Q3 spreadsheet

- 4. What standard (or average) price per scale do you pay for servicing**

The exemption under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is being applied on the grounds of commercial sensitivity. While the request for the average unit price alone may not, in isolation, engage this exemption, the request also includes details of contract length and total contract value. When considered together, disclosure of the average unit price in conjunction with these other elements would enable third parties to calculate or infer commercially sensitive pricing structures. This could prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust and its suppliers by undermining their ability to compete fairly in future procurement exercises or negotiations. Therefore, withholding this information is necessary to protect legitimate commercial interests.

- 5. The date that the servicing contract ends.**

31st March 2026 Southport and Ormskirk sites

31st January 2026 Whiston, St Helens & Newton sites

- 6. The value of total spend on weighing devices (split between patient weighing and other) excluding servicing in the last 3 calendar years split by year; split by each site/address**

See note 1 – contract value is in our contract publications

- 7. The value of that spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 calendar years split by year.**

See note 1 – contract value is in our contract publications

- 8. Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?**

No

- 9. Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?**

Vital Pak & Careflow - Southport and Ormskirk sites
Careflow- Whiston, St Helens & Newton sites

10. If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?

No

11. Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?

No on the Southport and Ormskirk sites

Yes – not connected. Whiston, St Helens & Newton sites

12. How many suppliers were invited to tender/were considered for your current contract

Long term contract in place

13. What was the decision criteria with regard to the current contract including any weighting

Performance and price

Note 1

Information which is publicly available

The Trust publishes contract information in accordance with applicable procurement legislation. This includes, but is not limited to, Public Contracts Regulations 2015; Procurement Act 2023 and Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. Contract information published in accordance with requirements of legislation includes contract details, supplier name, value, term, procurement route etc.

Publication locations include Official Journal of the European Union (<https://ted.europa.eu/en/>) for some older notices and Contracts Finder (<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>) Find a Tender Service (<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Search>). Procurement pipeline information will be published in accordance with legislation.

Additionally, the Trust goes beyond the legal requirements and publishes extracts of its contracts register, periodically, on its public website. (<https://sthk.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/our-services?service=36>)

Publication information includes, but is not limited to, contract descriptions, start and end dates, extension options, supplier details and contract values.

Therefore, the majority of detail in your request is currently publicly available. This means that section 21 of Freedom of Information Act applies.

Information which will be made publicly available

Alternatively, information will be made publicly available as more contracts are advertised and awarded on Find a Tender Service and our contracts register on the website is updated. Therefore, section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act applies.