

Ref. No: 2192
Date: 26/11/25
Subject: Medical devices/EBME Managed devices

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. How many medical devices/EBME Managed devices does the Trust own?
28,737
2. How many Trust medical devices are subject to lease/finance arrangements?
This information is not held
3. How many patient beds does the Trust own?
1599
4. How many patient beds are subject to lease/finance arrangements?
100
5. Does the Trust maintain the devices using a EBME/Clinical Engineering/Medical Physics Department?
Yes
6. How many Engineers are employed by the Trust within the EBME/Clinical Engineering/Medical Physics Department?
18

7. Does the Trust subcontract the maintenance of any medical/EBME devices to an external service provider?

Yes

8. What devices are under service contract with an external service provider?

Beds, Hoists, transfer chairs, plinths trolleys, endoscopes and lasers

9. If an external service provider(s) is utilised, please provide the name of the contracted service provider?

See attachment

10. Where an external service provider(s) is utilised, please provide the type of service contract that is in place, i.e. PPM/ Fully- Comprehensive / Ad-hoc support and for what device?

See attachment

11. Where an external service provider(s) is utilised, please state the service contract period, i.e. start/end dates?

See attachment

12. Where an external service provider(s) is utilised, what was the value of the contract on award?

Exemption Applied: Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests. Please see full text on page 4.

13. Please confirm as a percentage the amount of devices that have had their routine scheduled service/inspection completed?

Life Support devices 93%, Acute Support devices 72% in date

14. Please confirm as a percentage the amount of devices that have not had their routine scheduled service/inspection completed?

Life Support devices 7%, Acute Support devices 28% out of date

15. Please provide the name, email address of the role responsible for managing medical devices within the trust?

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Exemption Applied: Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is applying Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) to withhold the requested information.

Following careful consideration, the requested information is being withheld under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption applies where disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority itself.

The information in question relates to commercially sensitive matters, including **the** value of contracts awarded which, if disclosed, could undermine the ability of the public authority to operate effectively in a competitive environment. It may also adversely affect the commercial interests of third parties with whom the authority has contractual or financial relationships.

In applying this exemption, the authority has considered the ICO's guidance on the prejudice test. It has concluded that there is a real and significant risk that disclosure would prejudice commercial interests. This assessment is based on the nature of the information, the context in which it is held, and the competitive landscape in which the authority and its partners operate.

As Section 43 is a qualified exemption, the public interest test has also been applied. The authority recognises the public interest in transparency, accountability, and the scrutiny of public spending. However, in this instance, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Releasing the information could distort market competition, damage relationships with suppliers, and reduce the authority's ability to secure value for money in future negotiations.