



Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5412

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Laparoscopic suction irrigation device.

You asked:

Please could you forward the following information in regards to single use 5mm laparoscopic suction irrigation device?

- 1. Your current supplier?*
- 2. Annual usage in the following years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 year to date*
- 3. Annual spend in the following years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 year to date*
- 4. The contract managers contact details?*
- 5. Current contract details?*

Trust response:

1. Purple Surgical
2. Please note we do not have the data for 2015.

FY	16/17	17/18	18/19
Devices Used	810	1250	1250

3. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business

opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/

4. The Trust considers the names and contact details requested exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees. These members of staff are not of sufficient senior level where there is reasonable expectation that this information would be released into the public domain.

The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. The Procurement Team fall under the remit of the Trust Chief Finance Officer.

Please see the Trust website for further details. www.mtw.nhs.uk

5. The Trust does not have a contract with this supplier for this device.