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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 Medical Devices.

*You asked:*

*Question 1:*

*Please provide a most recent extract of your Fixed Asset Register for medical equipment (e.g. MRI scanner, ultrasounds, electron microscope, amino acid analyser, blood warmer, gastroscope, hemofiltration machine) across your trust.*

*Please clearly state, the date the extract refers to. We anticipate the extract of your Fixed Asset Register to include,*

- ▶ *Unique identifier ('ID')*
- ▶ *Asset name ('Name')*
- ▶ *Department*
- ▶ *Location*
- ▶ *Year of purchase, if available*
- ▶ *Net book value ('NBV') in £*

*Question 2:*

*Please provide detailed information on all Managed Equipment Services ('MES') across your trust for medical equipment with a Net book value above £50k. In your answer, please include the annual charge, contract length, and number of individual assets covered under the agreement.*

Trust response:

The Trust can confirm that it has 20299 medical devices on the asset register.

Further information will not be released.

The information which has been withheld is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. The relevant parts of the ICO guidance on the subject (<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf>) run as follows:

31.—(1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. It could be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures. It is the view of this trust's Information security function that disclosure of the information above would prejudice our ability to resist cyber-attacks, etc. on our systems.