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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 Bleep and Pager system.

*You asked:*

- 1. What is the total cost per annum (over the last 3 years) that your NHS trust spends upon your bleep/ pager system?*
- 2. What is the total cost per annum (over the last 3 years) that your NHS trust spends upon replacing equipment pertaining to your hospital bleep/ pager system (such as beeps, transmitters, and expendables such as batteries for beeps)?*
- 3. From which company or companies does your Trust currently buy and/ or hire its pager system from?*
- 4. What is the length of the contract that your Trust has with this company/ these companies and when do these contracts expire?*

Trust response:

1. The average cost over the last three years is £128,293.00. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of further detailed 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 is of an amount which may identify the items or services provided which would be likely to damage the company's ability to win new business opportunities for their services and products 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/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/)

2. Zero on equipment. Battery cost unknown as this is a departmental purchase.

3. Multitone Electronics PLC

4. 3 years – 01/04/21