

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6190

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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 Nitrous Oxide.

*You asked:*

- 1/ How many canisters of Nitrous Oxide have been stolen from your Trust since January 1 2010?*
- 2/ From which locations where the canisters stolen?*
- 3/ What was the volume of the canisters stolen?*
- 4/ When were the canisters stolen?*
- 5/ What was the value of the canisters stolen?*
- 6/ Which Police force - if any - was the theft reported to? If possible could a CRN/Crime Reference Number for each incident be provided as well.*

Trust response:

- 1/ Three.
- 2/ Maidstone Hospital
- 3/ 9.0 m<sup>3</sup> = 9,000 gaseous litres
- 4/ Q3 2019
- 5/ 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/)

6/ Kent Police