

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6109

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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 the repair of medical devices.

*You asked:*

- 1. How much did you spend from 6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020 on the repair of rigid endoscopes?*
- 2. Which company did you have the highest spend with during 19/20 year for the repair of rigid endoscopes and how much was this?*
- 3. How much did you spend from 6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020 on the repair of power tools?*
- 4. Which company did you have the highest spend with during 19/20 year on the repair of power tools and how much was this?*
- 5. How much did you spend from 6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020 on the repair of surgical instruments?*

Trust response:

1. £22,776.95 Excl VAT
2. Microscopix- 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.

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/)

3. £49,942.41
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5. £13,792.83 Excl VAT