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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 weighing devices.

## You asked:

- 1. The value of total spend on weighing devices excluding servicing in the last 3 years split by year
- 2. The value of spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 years split by year.
- 3. Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?
- 4. Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?
- 5. If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?
- 6. Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?
- 7. How many incidents have you reported in the last 3 years which relate to an incorrect dose of vancomycin, gentamicin and alteplase?
- 8. How many incidents have you recorded in the last 3 years where an incorrect weight of the patient is mentioned in the report?

Trust response:

1.

2018 - £3,323.55

2019 - £11,023.21

2020 - £8,231.95

2) 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: <a href="http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/">www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/</a>

3. No

4. Sun Rise

5. No

6. Yes, None

7. Fourteen incidents have been reported in the last 3 years

8. None to our knowledge, but Marsden perform our annual calibration/validation