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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 Ophthalmic Intraocular Lenses.

You asked:

- 1. Who is your current Intraocular lens supplier?
- 2. What IOL's are currently being used?
- 3. When is your next IOL tender due?
- 4. How many IOL's are used per annum?
- 5. How much is spent per annum on IOL's?

Trust response:

- 1. Bausch & Lomb
- 2. Envista
- 3. 2026
- 4. Information not available

5. 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 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: <u>www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/</u>