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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 Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) devices.

*You asked:*

- 1. Which MIGS devices are currently being used within your Trust?*
- 2. What was the process for gaining approval for use of these devices and who is responsible for appraisals?*
- 3. What are the costs of each device?*
- 4. How are they reimbursed/claimed for?*
- 5. What is the HRG code being used for the procedures?*

Trust response:

1. Miniject
2. New procedures are approved by a clinical committee, consultants' complete evaluations and findings reported back to the committee for full approval to adopt the procedure.
3. 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 company's 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: [www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/)

4. We do not get specifically reimbursed for them – they are included within our ICB fixed contracts.

5. We are unable to respond to this question without details of the specific procedures requested.