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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 RPA (Robotic Process Automation).

You asked:

- 1) Does your Trust currently use RPA (Robotic Process Automation)?*
- 2) Which departments within your Trust currently use RPA?*
- 3) Which commercial partner is your Trust currently using?*
- 4) Is the Trust intending to expand the use of RPA?*
- 5) Total Budget spent on RPA?*
- 6) Forecasted investment in RPA?*
- 7) Which departments have been identified for RPA projects?*

Trust response:

1. Yes
2. Tunbridge Wells Hospital Pharmacy and Maidstone Main Pharmacy
3. BD Rowa
4. Yes
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 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: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/

6. Business case in planning.

7. Gynae Oncology surgery