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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 helium consumption.

*You asked:*

- 1. Could you detail the quantity of helium that has been purchased each year for the last 5 years?*
- 2. What are the main uses for helium within the Trust?*
- 3. Could you outline the various grades/types of helium purchased?*
- 4. What has the cost of helium been for each of those 5 years?*
- 5. Who are your suppliers of helium and can you provide a copy of the supply contracts?*
- 6. Can you detail your procurement process for obtaining helium and send any tender documents relating to helium?*

Trust response:

Respiratory:

1. Ordering around 90 bottles per year (this was lower in 2020/2021 due to the pandemic)
2. Main uses are for the Lung Function testing devices.
3. 14% Helium
4. The Trust is applying Section 43 Exemption to this question.
5. BOC – not currently under contract.
6. Not applicable.

Imaging:

The Trust use Helium in the MRI scanner but this is part of our service contract. We are unable to separate any costs or amounts out as we do not hold this information.