

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ENDOSCOPES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to endoscopes.

Question:

- Between 1st January 2025 and 31st May 2025:
 1. In monetary terms, how much did your Trust spend by individual hospital, on either repairing flexible endoscopes and/or spend on service contracts?
 2. How many loan endoscopes were used?
 3. What was the total number of endoscopes that were sent to be repaired?
 4. How many endoscopes were returned for repair due to damage?
 5. How many procedures were cancelled due to insufficient endoscope availability?
 6. What is the most frequent cause for endoscopes to be repaired?
 7. Do you use an endoscope distal tip protector?
 - a. If yes, which product are you using?
 8. Is an endoscope distal tip protector used routinely in the drying cabinet?
 9. Does the endoscopy unit use disposable or reusable valves?
 - a. If using disposable valves, how much was spent on disposable valves between 1st January 2025 and 31st May 2025?
 10. How is maximum traceability of reusable endoscope valves maintained during endoscope decontamination?
 11. Does the Trust use a valve basket to keep the valves together?
 - a. If yes, which one do you use?
 12. Are the endoscope valves kept with the endoscope for the duration of the decontamination process?
 - a. If yes, how is this maintained?
 13. How often are endoscope reusable valve sets replaced?

Answer:

1.	Enclosed spreadsheet
2.	Enclosed spreadsheet
3.	Enclosed spreadsheet

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4.	Enclosed spreadsheet
5.	Not centrally extractable
6.	Enclosed spreadsheet
7.	No
8.	No
9.	Reusable. Not applicable
10.	Kept with scope in a bag attached to scope throughout use.
11.	No
12.	Yes, attached to scope in bag
13.	When worn or faulty

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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In monetary terms, how much did your Trust spend by individual hospital,
 1 on either repairing flexible endoscopes and/or spend on service contracts?

The period requested partially covers the 2024/25 and 2025/26 contract, Included are costs of both.
 Costs are excluding VAT.
 All contracts run from 1st April – 31st March.

Service provider	Costs for 2024/25 contract	Costs for 2025/26 contract
Aquillant	£143,703.92	£123,561.67
Karl Storz	£174,771.20	£204,767.00
Olympus	£1,243,628.30	£1,327,843.50

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- 6 What is the most frequent cause for endoscopes to be repaired?

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	Saint Johns Hospital	Western General Hospital
13	3	2
28	21	22
5	21	6
Failed leak test	Leak at distal end	Leak at distal tip/ failing leak test