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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DISPOSABLE EQUIPMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to disposable equipment.

Question:

- Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding your hospital's use of **disposable ports** and **disposable laparoscopic instruments** over the last three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 ytd):

1. Disposable Surgical Laparoscopic Ports:

- Total quantity purchased per year
- Total expenditure per year.
- Top 5 suppliers used (by volume or value).
- Whether your trust uses any reusable ports (yes/no).
- If reusable ports are used: estimated percentage of surgeries where reusable ports are used versus disposable.

Answer:

a.	FY22/23 - 9453 singles, FY23/24 - 11129 singles, FY24/25 - 10768 singles and YTD singles - 3727.
b.	FY22/23 - £154,314.94, FY23/24 - £182,146.46, FY24/25 - £214,802.90 and YTD - £75,867.61
c.	Applied Medical, Medtronic and Braun
d.	No
e.	Not applicable

Question:

2. Disposable Laparoscopic Instruments:

- Total quantity of disposable laparoscopic instruments purchased per year (e.g., graspers, scissors, dissectors).
- Total expenditure on disposable laparoscopic instruments per year.
- Top 5 suppliers used (by volume or value).

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- d. Does the trust use any reusable laparoscopic instruments? If yes, what is the estimated breakdown of disposable vs reusable instrument use (in percentage)?

Answer:

a.	FY22/23 - 7181 singles, FY23/24 - 8030 singles, FY24/25 - 7377 singles and YTD - 2917 singles
b.	FY22/23 - £142,528.14, FY23/24 - £167,492, FY24/25 - £180,731.51 and YTD - £69807.86
c.	Applied Medical, Purple Surgical, Fannin, Laprosurge and Lawmed
d.	Reuseable used approx 20%

Question:

3. Procurement and Sustainability

- a. Is your trust currently reviewing the environmental impact or cost-effectiveness of disposable vs reusable laparoscopic instruments?
- b. Are there any procurement policies or strategies in place to reduce reliance on single-use surgical instruments?

Answer:

a.	Yes
b.	Yes

Question:

4. Contracts and Renewals

- Please provide the following information for any current contracts covering disposable ports or disposable laparoscopic instruments:
 - a. Name(s) of supplier(s) under contract.
 - b. Contract start and end dates.
 - c. Any planned renewal or re-tendering dates.
 - d. Estimated timeline for upcoming procurement decisions related to these items (if available).
 - e. Whether contracts are part of a national framework (e.g., NHS Supply Chain) or directly awarded.

Answer:

a.	Please refer to National Procurement
b.	Please refer to National Procurement
c.	Please refer to National Procurement
d.	Please refer to National Procurement
e.	Please refer to National Procurement



As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise we do not hold this information.

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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