

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SURGICAL EQUIPMENT

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

Question:

1. Surgical nerve-monitoring systems (capital) — installed base

These are the monitor consoles used in theatre. Please enter the number of consoles / systems currently in use for each model and the year(s) they were acquired (a year, or a range — e.g. "2019" or "2018 & 2022"). If a system in use is not listed, please add it in one of the rows at the bottom (manufacturer + model name).

Answer:

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Manufacturer	System / model	Units in use	Year(s) of acquisition
Medtronic	NIM Vital	None in records	
Medtronic	NIM 3.0	2	2010, 2018
Inomed	C2 NerveMonitor	5	2021
Inomed	C2 Xplore	5	2021
Neurosign	V4	None in records	
Dr. Langer Medical	Avalanche / nerve monitor	None in records	
<i>Any other nerve-monitoring system / console not listed above</i>	<i>Please specify manufacturer and model</i>	None in records	
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From DATCC: Maintenance contracts in place with Inomed for the below listed nerve monitors:

Site	Equipment	S/N
RIE (Th 10)	C2 Xplore	21J300
DCN	C2 Nerve Monitor System	19A197
DCN	C2 Xplore	22H068
SJH	C2 Xplore	21J160
SJH	C2 Xplore	21J161
SJH	C2 Xplore	21J299

Question:

2. EMG endotracheal tubes & nerve-monitoring disposables — units purchased

These are the single-use specialist tubes and electrodes purchased to use with the systems above. Please enter the number of units purchased in each calendar year (2024, 2025, and 2026 to date) for each product. If a product purchased is not listed, please add it in one of the rows at the bottom (manufacturer + product name).

Answer:

We do not use single-use specialist endotracheal (breathing) tubes with built-in electrodes that detect nerve signals. For Thyroid surgery we use our own endotracheal tube and use an additional electrode which wraps round the tube.

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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