

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – THEATRE EQUIPMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to theatre equipment in NHS Lothian.

Question:

I'm seeking a usage report for single-use diathermy electrodes, single-use smoke evacuation pencils, and smoke evacuation machines across all hospitals/sites in your trust for the last completed financial year (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026). If readily available, please also include the current financial year to date (from 1 April 2026).

For each line item, please provide (in Excel or CSV):

- Trust site / hospital
- Product code
- Description
- Manufacturer name and brand (if held)
- Supplier (e.g., NHS Supply Chain or direct supplier) -Pack size & unit of measure -Quantity usage
- Total spend for each product

Scope / terminology: By the above I mean:

Single-use diathermy electrodes – disposable monopolar and bipolar electrodes/tips used with electrosurgical units, including needle, blade, and loop electrode tips.

Single-use smoke evacuation pencils – disposable electrosurgical pencils with integrated smoke evacuation tubing/channel, used to remove surgical smoke/plume at the point of generation.

Smoke evacuation machines – capital equipment units used to filter and extract surgical smoke/plume during electrosurgical, laser, or ultrasonic procedures.

(I am not requesting reusable/rigid electrosurgical instruments, electrosurgical generators (ESUs) themselves, or general theatre suction equipment unrelated to smoke evacuation.)

Answer:

The available information is included in the enclosed spreadsheet.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director of Nursing Midwifery and AHPs
Cc: Chief Executive

Machines

		Royal Hospital for Children and Young People		Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh		St John's Hospital		Western General Hospital	
	Pack/Bx Qty	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT
F/Y 25/26									
Medtronic									
PT00015091 - Motor 230V Rapidvac BF 904123	1			8	£511.04	3	£170.34	7	£454.28
SE3695 - SE3695//SE3695 RAPIDVAC SMOKE EVACUATOR 220VX1	1			2	£4,470.90				

F/Y 26/27									
Medtronic									
PT00015091 - Motor 230V Rapidvac BF 904123	1			4	£283.92			2	£141.96

Electrodes/Pencils

		Royal Hospital for Children and Young People		Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh		St John's Hospital		Western General Hospital		Community	
	Pack/Bx Qty	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT	QTY	Total £ Ex VAT
F/Y 25/26											
Fannin UK Ltd#											
ESE-TS1 - Gynaecological tubing, 3 meters, Sterile, HEPA Filter, 1/4 (6.4mm) speculum connection, 22mm connector	20			96	£751.68						
ESE-TS4 - Laparoscopic tubing,3 meters, Sterile with regulator,	20			104	£983.20						
PS11-K50GY - Surgical Telescopic Smoke Evacuation Pencil with locking mechanism with 50mm Non-stick blade electrode, 3.0m(10 ft) Tubing, 22mm connector, 3.0m(10 ft) Cord	20			944	£24,848.01						
Medtronic Limited											
SEP6000 RKR - SEP6000//PENCIL SEP6000 RKR SW TELESOPING,NP172/22	20										
Molnlycke Healthcare Ltd											
420102 - Plume Evacuation Pencil, PVC Free, SS El	40			1	£621.60						
National Distribution Centre#											
FANNIN (UK) LTD											
WR-21 - DIATHERMY PLATE UNIVERSAL SPLIT/REM W/O CABLE WITHOUT CABLE WR-21 1 X 50	50			6913	£4,771.18	1776	£549.56	1264	£1,348.92		
WR21A30 - DIATHERMY PLATE UNIVERSAL SPLIT/REM W/CABLE WITH 3M CABLE WR21A30 1 X 50	50	353	£2,274.24	464	£2,472.00			256	£593.28	3	£296.64
STRYKER UK LTD											
0703046000 - DIATHERMY SMOKE EVAC PENCIL 70MM 0703046000 1 X 10	10	32	£117.00					4916	£14,274.00		

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