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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SURGICAL RETRACTORS

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

Question:
1. Are there operating table-mounted surgical retractor systems currently in use within the trust/HB?
2. How many complete retractor systems are in use?
3. Are these retractor systems manufactured by:
   - Thompson Retractor
   - Omni-Tract® (Integra LifeSciences)
   - Other manufacturer
4. Location within trust (hospital site)
5. Surgical specialities sets are used in
6. Age of each set-in situ (date of manufacture or date of installation)
7. Associated planned replacement programmes or supplier contracts in place

Answer:

1.	Yes
2.	See enclosed
3.	See enclosed
4.	Shared
5.	Shared. Main use, Transplant/General Surgery specialities
6.	See enclosed
7.	None

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx

Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive
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TRAY TYPE	Location	DESCRIPTION	No OF SETS	IN USE SINCE	SUPPLIER
CT097	CEPOD	THOMPSON RETRACTOR 1 OF 2	1	2025	THOMPSON SURGICAL
CT098	CEPOD	THOMPSON RETRACTOR 2 OF 2	1	2025	THOMPSON SURGICAL
GS 124		THOMPSON TRANSPLANT RETRACTOR TRAY 1 OF 2	3	2008/2012	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS207		THOMPSON TRANSPLANT RETRACTOR TRAY 2 OF 2	3	2008/2012	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS177		BARIATRIC THOMPSON RETRACTOR TRAY 1 OF 2	1	2014	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS206		BARIATRIC THOMPSON RETRACTOR TRAY 2 OF 2	1	2014	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS189		NEW THOMPSON RETRACTOR TRAY 1 OF 2	2	2016	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS205		NEW THOMPSON RETRACTOR TRAY 1 OF 2	2	2016	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS210		NEW LIVER TRANSPLANT THOMPSON TRAY 1 OF 2	1	2025	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS211		NEW LIVER TRANSPLANT THOMPSON TRAY 2 OF 2	1	2025	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
WGH015		THOMPSON RETRACTOR TRAY 1 OF 2	3	2018/2019	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
WGH016		THOMPSON RETRACTOR TRAY 2 OF 2	3	2018/2019	YORK MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
GS035		RETRACTOR BOOKWALTER TRAY 1 OF 2	3	2002/2005	J&J
GS035A		RETRACTOR BOOKWALTER TRAY 2 OF 2	3	2002/2005	J&J
GS192	VASC	NEW TAAA OMNITRACT 1	1	2018	GU MANUFACTURING
GS193	VASC	NEW TAAA OMNITRACT 2	1	2018	GU MANUFACTURING
GS214	VASC	TAA OMNITRACT TABLE CLAMP LONG	1	2026	GU MANUFACTURING
GS087	VASC	TAAA OMNITRACT	1	2004	GU MANUFACTURING
GS132	VASC	TAAA OMNITRACT MK2	1	2010	GU MANUFACTURING
GS083		NATHANSON RETRACTOR	2	2003	CLS Medical