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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: portable and relocatable clinical units

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response
1. Units currently held Please confirm whether the Trust currently has any of the following, and how many of each: a. mobile or relocatable decontamination units, including endoscope reprocessing units b. mobile or modular operating theatres, including laminar flow and ultraclean theatres c. mobile or modular endoscopy units or procedure rooms d. mobile or relocatable MR scanners e. mobile or relocatable CT scanners f. any other modular or relocatable clinical capacity, including wards, outpatient units, diagnostic units, treatment rooms and clinic decant space If the answer to any category is	a) Decontamination Unit, number 4 in the table in Q2 b) 0 c) 0 d) MRI Scanners, numbers 1, 2 and 3 in the table below

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none, a nil return for that category is all I need.	
2. Contract and cost detail For each unit identified at question 1, please provide: a. the procurement route used, naming the framework or contract and, where held, its reference number; or, where the unit was procured by direct award, confirmation of that and the basis relied on b. the contracting model: outright asset purchase, operating lease, finance lease, hire, or managed service c. the date the unit was first brought into use on the Trust estate, and the date the current contract or hire period is due to end d. the cost to the Trust per week, excluding VAT. Where cost is not held on a weekly basis, please give the figure as held, for example monthly or annual, and state the	

scanner	Model	award	model	start	end	service	days	Provider
1	Supply Chain - MECSS Framework	Direct award	Unit only hire	18/12/24	18/12/26	MRI	7	M.I.P
2	Supply Chain - MECSS Framework	Competition	Staffed	01/10/21	30/11/26	Staffed MRI	7	InHealth
3	Supply Chain - MECSS Framework	Direct award	Staffed	01/10/26	30/09/27	Staffed MRI	4	Alliance
4	Supply Chain - MECSS Framework	Direct award	Unit only hire	16/11/26	13/05/29	Decon	7	Vanguard

Costs **Section 43 - Commercial interests**

It is our opinion that the information sought in relation to costs is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). S43(2) relates to information that is exempt from disclosure that could have a detrimental effect on the commercial interests of *"…any person."* The

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basis e. the services provided under the contract, for example provision of the unit alone, medical equipment, clinical staffing, non-clinical staffing, maintenance, consumables, decontamination, servicing, and utilities connection f. the number of days per week the unit is in clinical use g. the name of the service provider	Trust considers that at this time the commercial interests of the Trust, third parties and overall the NHS could be detrimentally impacted upon. Please see the public interest test below. **Public Interest Test** We recognise that the disclosure of the information sought in relation to the costs involved would provide transparency in the use of public funds by the Trust and the NHS in general. It would also assist the general populous with transparency in decision making by the Trust and their transactions with third parties. Conversely to the factors demonstrated above in favour of disclosure, it is felt that the Trust, third party suppliers and overall the NHS could be disadvantaged should the information sought in relation to costs being made available. Suppliers compete with one another in a competitive environment and to provide the value of the costs involved may allow rival companies to undercut the Trust current suppliers, lead to loss of confidence by suppliers and customers and could cause significant harm and disadvantage to the Trust and suppliers. The disclosure could also adversely impact on any on-going or future procurement processes for the reasons outlined above. Any disclosure by the Trust could also in future discourage the provision of commercially sensitive information necessary to respond properly to the Trusts Invitation To Tender, and would be likely to affect and undermine the Trusts bargaining position in any future procurement process or negotiations. Ultimately civil action could be taken against the Trust should information be disclosed that adversely affects the commercial interests of current and/or future suppliers. As a result, it is in the Trust's opinion that this sufficiently demonstrates the prejudice which could be caused through disclosure.

	Balance Test It is important to bear in mind that any disclosure under the FOI Act is a disclosure to the public at large and not just to the applicant. It is recognised that there is a general public interest in the Trust being open and transparent. However, it is not believed that this public interest is served in disclosure for damage that would be caused as outlined above. Therefore, – the Trust considers that releasing this information would not be in the public interest, as the public interest does not outweigh the prejudice as set out above. Further guidance can be accessed from the Information Commissioner's Office https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi/freedom-of-information-and-environmental-information-regulations/section-43-commercial-interests/

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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