

Reference Number: FOI202425/076
From: Commercial
Date: 15 May 2024
Subject: Trust's use and procurement of Spirometry Medical Devices, associated software and maintenance

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on your Trust's use and procurement of Spirometry Medical Devices, associated software, and maintenance.

Q1 Does the Trust use Spirometry Medical Devices?

If "Yes" then which makes and models are currently in use and how many of each are currently deployed by department (e.g., Cardiology, Respiratory, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Occupational Health, Accident & Emergency etc.)

A1 Yes:

Manufacturer	Model	Quantity	Department
Nuvoair AB	Air Next	361	Pulmonary Function
GMBH	GTM Spirostik	9	Pulmonary Function
ERT Clinical	Spirosphere Spirometer	1	Hawthorne Suite
GMBH	Spirostik Blue	2	Pulmonary Function
Vitalograph Ltd	Vil 4000	16	Pulmonary Function
Vitalograph Ltd	Vil 6000	1	Pulmonary Function

Q2 For the most recent year for which data is available; how many Spirometry medical devices did the Trust procure?

A2 20 purchased in 2023.

Q3 For the most recent year for which data is available; how many Spirometry patient tests did the Trust perform?

A3 April 2023- March 2024- 10,952.

Q4 What is the Trust's preferred procurement channel for purchasing Spirometry medical devices? Supplier Direct, NHS Supply Chain or Other

A4 Having considered this question, we do not deem that it meets the criteria for a valid request for information under the FOIA, as it is asking for perspective and opinion rather

than recorded data or information held by the Trust i.e., it does not 'describe the information being requested'.

Q5 What is the Trust's preferred payment model for Spirometry medical devices? One Time Purchase, Monthly/Subscription or other

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Q6 What are the individual unit costs of each Spirometry device by cost category (hardware / software / maintenance)?

i) Device Hardware

ii) Device Software

iii) Device Maintenance

A6 Information exempt under Section 43 - Due to the potential damage to commercial interests of the current suppliers as release of this information and any other unique pricing likely to be requested for disclosure would allow other competitors a significant competitive advantage and thus harm the commercial interests of our current suppliers.

Q7 Does the Trust undertake its own calibration of Spirometry medical devices or is this outsourced? In-house calibration, Outsourced calibration, No calibration

A7 If the unit requires a periodic calibration, this is outsourced.

Q8 Would the Trust benefit from a Spirometry Medical Device that only requires calibration annually?

A8 Having considered this question, we do not deem that it meets the criteria for a valid request for information under the FOIA, as it is asking for perspective and opinion rather than recorded data or information held by the Trust i.e., it does not 'describe the information being requested'.

Q9 What are the biggest challenges that the Trust faces in providing Spirometry tests?

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Q10 Is the Trust planning to expand spirometry services
i) If "Yes" what resources or support would be required to facilitate this expansion?

A10 No

Q11 Can you provide the contact details of the lead respiratory nurse, and the lead/business manager for respiratory services in your hospital?

A11 Information not held- there are no nurses associated with our spirometry services.

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