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Dear Requester

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you once again for your request under the Freedom of Information Act. For ease of reference I am attaching your original questions:

1. When is your current VR and Phaco ophthalmology contract due for renewal/expiry? 2021
2. Do you plan to release an OJEU tender for the renewal of this contract? No
3. Do you plan to use a national framework for the renewal of this contract? If so which one? Yes – NHS Supply Chain / SCCL
4. How many Phaco machines do you currently have? One.
How many Phaco-Vitrectomy machines do you have? Zero.
 - a. Does your trust own your current machines, or are they on a leased agreement from your supplier? The machine is leased.
5. What is the age of your Phaco machines? 3 years old.
 - a. do you have a service/maintenance agreement in place for this machine? Yes - Maintenance cover.
6. What is the age of your vitrectomy machines? N/A
 - a. do you have a service/maintenance agreement in place for this machine? N/A
7. How many phaco handpieces do you have? 8.
8. When do you plan to trial/demo new potential machines/suppliers?
The Trust may potentially look at new machines/suppliers in the new financial year.
9. Who is the procurement manager/buyer responsible for the ophthalmology category? Procurement team.

10. Who is the person who signs new contracts and what is their job title?

Head of Procurement/Deputy Head of Procurement.

11. What is the total spend on your phaco machine procedure packs per annum?

2019-2020 = £25,274

12. What is the total spend on your VR machine procedure packs per annum?

N/A

13. What level of maintenance cover is provided for your phaco and VR equipment?

The level of maintenance cover may change each year in order to balance the clinical and commercial needs. We are currently looking at purchasing a new VR machine and the recommendation will be to put that on comprehensive contract.

What is the annual cost of maintenance for your phaco and VR machines?

This information is being withheld on the basis of the exemption contained within section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (Commercial Interests). The Trust accepts that there is a public interest in how public money is spent; however there is also a need to withhold information that would prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust and/or third parties. In assessing the public interest, the Trust takes the view that this would be the case in this instance

14. Who is your clinical lead for ophthalmology?

The organisation chart for the Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust, including the names of key executives, can be found at [Organisation Structure](#).

15. How do you intend to implement the new proposed ISO 16672/2020 standards pertaining to intraocular liquids purity (such as Perfluorocarbon Liquids (PFCLs), and Silicone Oils?

The Trust haven't yet decided what platform we will be using to store information and are working closely with NHSE.

16. Will you plan to use capital or revenue budget to fund the next contract for phaco and VR equipment, i.e. capital purchase or consumables based agreement?

This is dependant at time of purchase.

17. How many cataract surgeries are performed, and how many Vitreoretinal (VR) surgeries are performed each year approximately?

A total of 1315 of which 80 are vitrectomies and the remainder cataracts.

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Yours sincerely

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