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Dear Mr Wright

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND REGULATIONS 2004)

Thank you for your request received on 19 February 2021 for the provision of the following information:-

1. *When is the current VR and Phaco ophthalmology contract due to expire?*
2. *Do you plan to release an OJEU tender for the renewal of this contract?*
3. *Do you plan to use a national framework for the renewal of this contract? If so which one?*
4. *What is the volume of the procedures (Phaco and VR) that will be included within the contract?*
5. *How many Phaco machines do you have? How many Phaco-Vitrectomy machines do you have?*
6. *What is the age of your Phaco machines?*
7. *What is the age of your vitrectomy machines?*
8. *How many phaco handpieces do you have?*
9. *What are your top 3 requirements for the new contract and future awarded supplier to meet?*
10. *Do you plan to trial potential new suppliers this year? If so which month do you expect to want to trial?*
11. *Who is the procurement manager responsible for this?*
12. *Who will sign the new contract and what is their job title?*
13. *What is the total spend on your phaco machine packs?*
14. *What is the total spend on your VR procedure packs?*
15. *What level of maintenance cover is provided for your phaco and VR equipment? What is the annual cost of maintenance for your phaco and VR machines?*
16. *Who are the current suppliers of phaco and VR equipment?*
17. *Will you plan to use capital or revenue budget to fund the next contract for phaco and VR equipment, ie capital purchase or consumables based agreement?*

We are treating your request under our procedures for responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information that we are able to provide in response to your request is given below.

Please note that, for a number of your questions, we do not record the specific information requested by you. Under section 17 of FOISA I am therefore required to notify you that the information you seek is not held by NHSGGC. However in order to provide reasonable advice and assistance under section 15 of the Act, we have provided answers to your questions where possible.

1. When is the current VR and Phaco ophthalmology contract due to expire?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. However we can advise that NHSGCC currently utilises a number of companies to carry out this requirement and any agreements will terminate once the new contract is awarded, which is expected to be in the financial year 2021/22.

2. Do you plan to release an OJEU tender for the renewal of this contract?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. Scottish Procurement is no longer subject to the EU legal framework, with public bodies no longer required to publish notices in OJEU. The requirements to advertise contracts, observe minimum timescales, and follow rules on technical specifications and award criteria, for example, remain. If this Procurement route is pursued, any notice will be published on the new UK e-notification system called Find A Tender Service and to meet this requirement we will continue to use Public Contracts Scotland (PCS).

3. Do you plan to use a national framework for the renewal of this contract? If so which one?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. However we can advise that use of available National Contracts will be considered.

4. What is the volume of the procedures (Phaco and VR) that will be included within the contract?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. However we can advise that the expectation is with an ageing population volumes will increase annually. These will be reviewed prior to any future procurement exercise.

5. How many Phaco machines do you have? How many Phaco-Vitrectomy machines do you have?

12 machines.

6. What is the age of your Phaco machines?

The oldest machine was purchased in 2006, the newest machine was purchased in 2014.

7. What is the age of your vitrectomy machines?

The oldest machine was purchased in 2006, the newest machine was purchased in 2014.

8. How many phaco handpieces do you have?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you.

9. What are your top 3 requirements for the new contract and future awarded supplier to meet?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. However we can advise that detailed weighted award criteria will be included within any future procurement exercise.

10. Do you plan to trial potential new suppliers this year? If so which month do you expect to want to trial?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. However we can advise that detailed weighted award criteria will be included within any future procurement exercise.

11. Who is the procurement manager responsible for this?

Nick Cleary, Commodity Manager.

12. Who will sign the new contract and what is their job title?

Christine Leese-Young, Interim Head of Procurement.

13. What is the total spend on your phaco machine packs?

Current expenditure is approximately £835k per annum.

14. What is the total spend on your VR procedure packs?

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. Unfortunately we are not able to break expenditure down in this way.

15. What level of maintenance cover is provided for your phaco and VR equipment? What is the annual cost of maintenance for your phaco and VR machines?

Our existing Phaco machines receive one preventative maintenance visit per annum, and our existing VR vitrectomy machines receive two preventative maintenance visits per annum. The annual cost is between £20k - £25k excluding VAT.

16. Who are the current suppliers of phaco and VR equipment?

Our current suppliers are Alcon, and Bausch & Lomb.

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

Under section 17 of FOISA I am required to notify you that we do not hold the specific information requested by you. However we can advise that this is currently under consideration and will be included within the specification of any future procurement exercise.

I hope that this is helpful. If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to request a review of this decision within 40 working days of receiving this response. The attached note describes our review procedure. Your request for review must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If you wish us to carry out a review, please complete the form enclosed and return it to the Head of Corporate Governance and Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, Corporate HQ, JB Russell House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0XH or by email to foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If following a review you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to ask for advice, assistance or to make a formal appeal in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the outcome of a review. The Commissioner can be contacted at: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

If following appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law against the decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Should you require any clarification about this letter or the right to request a review please contact me at the details at the top of the first page of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Standard Enclosures:

Request For Review Form

Procedure for review of decision notified