

Freedom of Information Request: 2231 2022/23

The Trust does hold all of the information you have requested but we are withholding some of it for the following reasons:

Commercial Sensitivity: Qn 8 & 10 the cost of the systems and what is the annual value of this contract, including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements

Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) provides,

“(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).”

A commercial interest relates to a person's ability to participate competitively in a commercial activity, with the underlying aim being to make a profit. In order to apply Section 43(2), the Trust must satisfy itself that disclosure of the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice or harm the commercial interests of any person (including the Trust).

The information you have requested is the cost of the systems and what is the annual value of this contract, including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements

S43 (2) of the FOIA is engaged as disclosure of the information requested may prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust and our Supplier.

The Public Interest Test

Public interest in maintaining the exemption

Disclosing this information could:

- Cause unwarranted reputational damage to the Trust. Companies would not have confidence that the Trust would keep sensitive business data private.
- Prejudice the commercial interest in the Trust's ability to obtain best price and value.
- Reveal confidential information to competitors of our supplier

Public interest in disclosing the information

Public authorities should be transparent in their dealings in order that the public can be assured that public money is being spent wisely and best value is being sought without fear or favor.

Conclusion:

In this instance the Trust feels the balance of public interest lies in withholding the information.

- 1. What process/products do you use for disinfection/decontamination additional to a manual cleaning programme, for instance for a terminal clean or an outbreak?**

Chlor-Clean

- 2. Do you use Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour (HPV Fogging) or Ultraviolet (UVC) for decontamination?**

We use both products.

- 3. What companies do you use and how many units do you have in operation for both HPV and UVC?**

We have 19 units of HPV misting machines and 7 units of UVC machines. We use the following companies:

HPV – OXY'PHARM – Nocospray

UV – Inivos x 5

UV – Gama x 2

- 4. Is the equipment operated by NHS staff, or by an outsourced Contract Cleaning Company? If the latter, who is the contractor?**

They are operated by NHS staff.

- 5. Were these systems purchased via a tender or mini competition?**

Via a tender.

- 6. Were these systems purchased through a framework agreement or direct sale?**

Direct sale.

- 7. Were these systems purchased outright, or via a lease rental package?**

Outright.

- 8. What were the costs of the systems when new?**

Withheld under S43.

- 9. Who is your current supplier and are you under contract?**

Inivos – maintenance contract

Gama – maintenance contract

IRJAMES – no

- 10. What is the annual value of this contract, including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements?**

Withheld under S43.

11. What is the start and end date of the contract?

Gama: May 2022 – May 2023
Inivos: March 2022 – March 2026

12. Do you use a managed service in addition to your own operation?

No.

13. Could you provide me with the contact details for the person/s responsible for the fields below?

a) Infection Prevention and Control

Margaret Garbett

b) Estates & Facilities / Domestic

Simon Jarvis

c) Procurement

Nicola Watson

d) Housekeeping

Karen Dent

Staff email addresses follow the format: Firstname.Surname@uhb.nhs.uk

All staff are contactable via the Trust's switchboard: 0121 371 2000 or 0121 424 2000

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