

Trust Headquarters
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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.

I would like the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form:

- **Does the Trust currently use a Digital System / 3D Viewing System for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery, or for any other surgical department?** [YES / NO / Other – If other please specify]
- **How many pieces of Digital System / 3D Viewing System equipment does the operating department use for Ophthalmic Surgery, and what is the manufacturer, model, and age?** [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]
- **Is this equipment owned, leased, or rented by the department?** [Owned / Leased / Rented]
- **If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs?** [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]
- **Does the Trust / Department plan to replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years?** [YES / NO], [Years]
- **Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider?** [MANUFACTURER / 3rd PARTY / NO]
- **Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for a new ophthalmic surgery Digital System / 3D viewing system?** [YES / NO]
- **If yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place?** [Expected Date]

- If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years? [YES / NO]
- Does the Trust have access to an innovation budget to support surgical advancements, for example to fund the provision of a 3D Viewing System for Ophthalmic Surgery to assist with training? [YES / NO / UNSURE]
- What would be the Trust’s route to market for a new ophthalmic surgery 3D viewing system? [Direct Purchase Agreement / NHSSC / Other]

Response

Question	Response
1. Does the Trust currently use a Digital System / 3D Viewing System for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery, or for any other surgical department?	NO
2. How many pieces of Digital System / 3D Viewing System equipment does the operating department use for Ophthalmic Surgery, and what is the manufacturer, model and age?	
3. Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department?	
4. If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs	NA
5. Does the Trust / Department plan to replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years?	
6. Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider?	
7. Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for a new ophthalmic surgery Digital System / 3D viewing system?	
8. If yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place	
9. If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years?	
10. Does the Trust have access to an innovation budget to support surgical advancements, for example to fund the provision of a 3D Viewing System for Ophthalmic Surgery to assist with training?	
11. What would be the Trust’s route to market for a new ophthalmic surgery 3D viewing system?	

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
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SK9 5AF
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www.ico.org.uk

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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