

Request title:

Procurement, Medical Equipment Contracts

Date of Response: 20th April 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

We are currently doing some research around the procurement of medical equipment within NHS Trusts in the United Kingdom and require information that relates to the organisation's live contracts around the procurement of medical equipment.

1. **Airway Management**
2. **Anaesthetic oxygen and resuscitation**
3. **Audiology**
4. **Cannula and catheters**
5. **Cardiology**
6. **Clinical departments**
7. **Clinical products**
8. **Continence care**
9. **Dental consumables**
10. **Drapes and gowns**
11. **Neuromodulation**
12. **Operating theatre products**
13. **Ophthalmics**
14. **Orthopaedics**
15. **Pathology**
16. **Patient monitoring**
17. **Pressure area care**
18. **Rehabilitation**
19. **Stoma care**
20. **Urology**
21. **Woman and child/sexual health promotion**
22. **Wound management**

Can you please provide me the full version of your contracts that lists all the contracts the organisation has around medical equipment? I would prefer you send me this information in an excel format.

Please do not send me a simple contract's register that only list contract dates and supplier names as I require department, categories and contract owner. The more the better.

We are currently conducting this research within your region and have also contacted similar organisations to obtain the same information.

Please if possible, can you include:

1. Existing Supplier
2. Annual Spend
3. Contract Brief
4. Contract Dates
5. Department
6. Product Categories – The more the better.
7. Contract Description
8. Contract Owner including job title and email address
9. If possible can you also provide me with the contact details of the person responsible for uploading and publishing the contract's register.

Reply

The Trust currently has around 2000 medical equipment contracts. The information on these contracts are held in either electronic or paper format. To obtain the information that you have requested for just one of these contracts has taken 23 minutes.

Therefore, it is not possible for the Trust to answer your request, as this would take in excess of 18 hours which is the appropriate limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to retrieve the above information (see section 12(1)).