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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Supplier & Service of Patient Weighing Scales

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. The name of the supplier/s who service your weighing devices (baby scales, chair scales, floor scales, column scales, patient transfer scales, bench scales for example)	Seca			
2. How many weighing devices are covered by this contract?	Approximately 368			
3. How many weighing devices are in the Trust? • A List of these devices stating make/model	Please see accompanying document FOI 1105 Q3			
4. How many addresses are covered by this contract?	3			
5. What standard (or average) price per scale do you pay for servicing		Yes	Section 43	Section 43 - Commercial interests It is our opinion that the information sought in relation to costs is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). S43(2) relates to information that is exempt from

				<p>disclosure that could have a detrimental effect on the commercial interests of “...any person.” The Trust considers that at this time the commercial interests of the Trust, third parties and overall the NHS could be detrimentally impacted upon. Please see the public interest test below.</p> <p>Public Interest Test We recognise that the disclosure of the information sought in relation to the costs involved would provide transparency in the use of public funds by the Trust and the NHS in general. It would also assist the general populous with transparency in decision making by the Trust and their transactions with third parties.</p> <p>Conversely to the factors demonstrated above in favour of disclosure, it is felt that the Trust, third party suppliers and overall the NHS could be</p>
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				<p>disadvantaged should the information sought in relation to costs being made available. Suppliers compete with one another in a competitive environment and to provide the value of the costs involved may allow rival companies to undercut the Trust current suppliers, lead to loss of confidence by suppliers and customers and could cause significant harm and disadvantage to the Trust and suppliers.</p> <p>The disclosure could also adversely impact on any on-going or future procurement processes for the reasons outlined above. Any disclosure by the Trust could also in future discourage the provision of commercially sensitive information necessary to respond properly to the Trusts Invitation To Tender, and would be likely to affect and undermine the Trusts bargaining position in any future procurement process or negotiations. Ultimately civil</p>
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				<p>action could be taken against the Trust should information be disclosed that adversely affects the commercial interests of current and/or future suppliers.</p> <p>As a result, it is in the Trust's opinion that this sufficiently demonstrates the prejudice which could be caused through disclosure.</p> <p>Balance Test It is important to bear in mind that any disclosure under the FOI Act is a disclosure to the public at large and not just to the applicant. It is recognised that there is a general public interest in the Trust being open and transparent. However, it is not believed that this public interest is served in disclosure for damage that would be caused as outlined above.</p>
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				Therefore, – the Trust considers that releasing this information would not be in the public interest, as the public interest does not outweigh the prejudice as set out above. Further guidance can be accessed from the Information Commissioner's Office https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guidance-index/freedom-of-information-and-environmental-information-regulations/section-43-commercial-interests/
6. The date that the servicing contract ends	2029			
7. The value of total spend on weighing devices (split between patient weighing and other) excluding servicing in the last 3 calendar years split by year; split by each site/address	<p>23/24 Kings Mill Hospital – £5756.76 Mansfield Community Hospital – £565.44</p> <p>24/25 Kings Mill Hospital – £3501.16 Mansfield Community Hospital – £565.44</p> <p>25/26 Kings Mill Hospital – £1715.93</p>			

8. The value of that spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 calendar years split by year.	23/24 SECA £5498.76; Marsden The Weighing Company £823.44 24/25 SECA £3501.18; Marsden The Weighing Company £565.44 25/26 YTD SECA £1715.93			
9. Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?	No			
10. Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use? • If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?	Nervecentre Information not held, EPR is not implemented yet.			
11. Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?	Yes, we use Welch Allyn, 334 and no they are not connected.			
12. How many suppliers were invited to tender/were	One, as continuation of current service.			

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considered for you current contract				
13. What was the decision criteria with regard to the current contract including any weighting	Continuous contract.			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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