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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: The B. Braun Aesculap Simpson Shelf Vaginal Pessary

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 some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Name		Yes	ABSOLUTE EXEMPTIONS REFUSAL NOTICE - Section 40(2) staff personal information	Names, job titles (other than that of our board of directors) and email addresses constitute personal data. Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. In our view, disclosure of this information would breach the data protection principles contained in the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018 • The reasonable expectations of the employees given their positions; Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considered that none of the individuals would have a reasonable expectation that their personal data would be disclosed; • The consequences of disclosure; and • any legitimate public interest in disclosure. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test
2. Your Job Title				
3. Hospital		Yes	Section 21 Exemption - Refer Applicant to the Publication	Under Section 21 of the Act, the Trust is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information

			Scheme / Information Reasonably Accessible Elsewhere	you requested is available https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/kings-mill-hospital/
4. Over the last two calendar years (Jan 23 – Nov 24) has your hospital/organisation experienced any failure of the Simpson Shelf Vaginal Pessary after implanting that relate to the materials used?	No			
5. Over the last two calendar years (Jan 23 – Nov 24) has your hospital/organisation experienced any Adverse Events that were not reported to the MHRA and what side effects or adverse events occurred?	No			
6. For the population of patients that your hospital uses an implanted Vaginal Pessary, do you feel there are other devices available that performs the same tasks as the Simpson Shelf Vaginal Pessary and which devices seem to have less adverse effects on this group of patients?		Yes	Opinion	Under the terms of the Act, we do not need to provide an answer as this would mean creating new information and giving an opinion. This information is not held.
7. Are the ranges of sizes of the Simpson Shelf Vaginal Pessary from 51mm – 101mm adequate for your patient population?				
8. Can you describe your experience of using the Simpson Shelf Vaginal Pessary with your patients and would you recommend its use to other clinicians at other Hospital or wider audience?				

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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