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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:
Procurement

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.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response			
1. For the past three years 22/23 23/24 and 24/25, could you please provide procurement data including: a) Total spend (£) b) Total number of units procured c) Where recorded in procurement systems, whether the items were designated as single-use/disposable. For the following items: • Scissors, including surgical and disposable and single-use versions. • Forceps, including artery or tissue forceps. • Surgical clamps. • Basic hollowware, including gallipots, kidney dishes.	FOI category	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Scissors	£14,650.03	£22,600.71	£27,205.72
	Forceps	£86,012.68	£109,835.46	£117,176.50
	Surgical clamps	£459,234.75	£470,204.05	£511,371.99
	Basic hollowware	£65,492.66	£70,932.76	£67,937.92
	Single-use tourniquets	£11,199.37	£11,559.17	£13,527.24
	Harmonic shears	£63,601.78	£23,127.92	£14,691.76
	TOTAL	£700,191.27	£708,260.07	£751,911.13
	Category matching below is based on the product-description terms listed in the request and therefore includes products and procedure packs whose descriptions contain those terms.			
	FOI category	Recorded designation in procurement extract		
Scissors	Mixed — descriptions include single-use/disposable and reusable products.			
Forceps	Mixed — descriptions include single-use/disposable and reusable products.			

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instrument trays and bowls. • Single-use tourniquets. • Harmonic shears.	Surgical clamps	Mostly not stated — limited descriptions explicitly identify single-use or reusable status.
	Basic hollowware	Mixed — disposable gallipots and basin liners, and reusable bowls or trays, appear.
	Single-use tourniquets	Single-use/disposable subset identified using explicit product-description wording; reusable products are excluded from the disclosed category spend.
	Harmonic shears	Not stated — the Harmonic ACE descriptions do not identify single-use/disposable or reusable status.

Section 43 - Commercial interests

The Trust is withholding the total number of units procured under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption applies where disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the Trust, its suppliers, or the wider NHS. In this case, disclosure of unit volumes alongside the annual spend already provided would reveal purchasing patterns and could allow estimated unit pricing to be inferred.

Public Interest Test

The Trust recognises the public interest in openness and accountability for public expenditure. Disclosure of unit volumes could assist understanding of how public funds are used and how procurement decisions are made.

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	Balance Test The Trust has considered the public interest in disclosure against the prejudice that would be likely to arise from releasing the total number of units procured. In this case, disclosure of unit volumes, when combined with the annual spend figures, could enable competitors to estimate pricing, identify purchasing patterns, and use that information in future procurement or contract negotiations. This could prejudice supplier competitiveness and the Trust's ability to obtain best value. On balance, the Trust considers that the public interest favours withholding the total number of units procured. The annual spend information has been disclosed to support transparency, but the unit volume data is withheld under section 43(2) because the likely commercial prejudice outweighs the public interest in disclosure.
2. For the past three years 22/23 23/24 and 24/25, could you please provide procurement data including: a) Total annual spend (£) b) If recorded centrally, the number of units refurbished or reissued through reuse schemes For the total number of the following mobility aids procured: • Crutches	A response will be provided as soon as possible.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking frames• Walking sticks | |
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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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