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Date Received: 11th November 2024

Response Due: 9th December 2024

Date: 30th December 2024

## Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 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.

In your request you asked:

1) Does the Trust / Health Board use a third-party inventory management / point of care solution? Yes.

## 1A) If yes – please confirm:

I: Which inventory management / point of care solution you use. Softpro Medical Solutions Medusa.

II: Contract value (p.a.)

£8,918.

III: Contract renewal date

March 2026.

IV: When did the Trust / Health Board first start using this solution? November 2018.

1B) If no – does the Trust / Health Board use any internally-built IT inventory management / point of care solutions?

N/A.

2) Please could you indicate which department(s) in the Trust / Health Board use inventory management / point of care solutions, whether third-party or internal?

## Note: not all Trusts / Health Boards may have all departments in the list below, please mark Not Applicable for any departments not at your Trust

Department	Use third-party inventory management / point of care solution  Yes, No, Not Applicable	Use in-house inventory management / point of care solution  Yes, No, Not Applicable
Accident and emergency (A&E)	Yes	N/A
Diagnostic imaging / radiology		Radiology use an internal database for the recording of assets.
Endoscopy	Yes	N/A
Mental Health	Not applicable	
Obstetrics	Yes	N/A
Oncology	Yes	N/A
Paediatrics	Yes	N/A
Surgical procedures (day-patient / in-patient)	Yes	N/A
Surgical procedures (out-patient)	Yes	N/A
Other (please specify)		

<sup>\*</sup>Medusa doesn't track Radiology, Laboratory and Point of Care medical equipment. However, the Trust is currently in the process of adding Radiology which is expected to be on Medusa by June 2025. Medusa is only for reuseable medical equipment meaning other consumables, accessories and single use medical equipment are not included in this software.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Tabitha Gardner Chief Finance Officer

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the questions received the Trust can provide the above response. However, if you would like to refine your questions as inventory management is a broad term. Please submit a new Freedom of Information request.

## PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111