

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**I would like to request a list of all surgical operating tables currently in use within WWL Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust please.**

**Specific detail required for each table:**

- 1. Name of Hospital**
- 2. Location within hospital (which operating theatre e.g. theatre**
- 3. Manufacturer and model of surgical operating table(s) in use**
- 4. How many of each surgical operating table(s) in use**
- 5. Age of individual operating table(s) e.g. date installed / date purchased**
- 6. Purchase price of operating table(s)**

Hospital	Wrightington Hospital
Location	Operating Theatres.
Manufacturer and Model	Maquet Alphamaxx.
How many of each operating table is in use	The theatres are split between 4 areas. Pods 1-4 have 7 operating tables, upper limbs theatres have 3 tables, main theatres have 6 tables, theatre 8 has its own table and theatres 9-13 have 3 tables. The hospital is leasing 2 tables as of 2024.
Age of individual operating table (year installed)	2008, 2009, 2012 x2, 2013 x2, 2014 x4, 2015 x4, 2021, 2022, 2023 x2, 2024 x4.
Purchase price	This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Hospital	Leigh Infirmary.
Location	Leigh Infirmary and Leigh Theatre.
Manufacturer and Model	Eschmann MR MRAB-2J-1269 Eschmann MR ZMR 723 Eschmann MR MRAB-1M-1217 Eschmann T20 T2AB-2J-1021 Maquet alphamaxx 1274 Maquet alphamaxx 1271
How many of each operating table is in use	Eschmann x4 Maquet Alphamaxx x2
Age of individual operating table (year installed)	Eschmann MR MRAB-2J-1269 - not recorded. Eschmann MR ZMR 723 – not recorded. Eschmann MR MRAB-1M-1217 - 2002 Eschmann T20 T2AB-2J-1021 - 2002 Maquet alphamaxx 1274 - 2019 Maquet alphamaxx 1271 - 2023
Purchase price	This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Hospital	Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Location	Main theatres – level 3.
Manufacturer and Model	Eschmann MR Operating table x1, Eschmann T20 M Operating tables x2 Maquet Meera x1, Maquet Alphamaxx Pro x2, Maquet Alphastar x2 Stryker Operon D 850 x2
How many of each operating table is in use	Please see above.
Age of individual operating table (year installed)	Eschmann x3 - 2004, 2008 & 2010 Maquet x5 - 2013, 2015 x2, 2021 x1, x1 not recorded Stryker x2 – leased.
Purchase price	This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Section 43(2) – Commercial interests**

Information regarding the price of the operating tables has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

#### Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

#### Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

- **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.
- **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.
- **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.
- **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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,



Hazel Hendriksen  
Director of Operations and Performance

**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

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