

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-687

Request:

Please can I have information relating to current surgical and equipment drape usage in the theatre departments, across the hospitals in your Trust.

I would like a usage report for the current financial year so far (or last financial year if this is unavailable), including the following information. Preferably in an excel format.

1. Drape code
2. Description
3. Manufacturer name
4. quantity usage
5. total spend for each drape.

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

Please see the attached spreadsheet named 'RF23-687 Response'.

In relation to point five 'total spend for each drape' EKHUFT declines to provide this information under section 43(2) of the FOI Act.

Section 43(2) (Commercial Interest) states that information is exempt if "its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)". This is a qualified exemption, which means that its application is subject to the public interest test set out in Section 2 of the Act.

Having applied this test, the Trust has concluded that the disclosure of information regarding the total spend for each drape would reveal the associated unit price. As a result, this would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any individual or company the Trust currently, or may, interact with.

We have therefore, supplied the total cost for all drapes purchased.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 06 DECEMBER 2023)