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Manufacturer and model of all endoscopic imaging systems and video endoscopes

Please see specific questions below, and if the information could please be presented in Excel format, it would be appreciated.

Manufacturer and model of all endoscopic imaging systems and video endoscopes in use within the trust.

Location within trust (hospital site)

Age of each unit in situ (date of manufacture or date of installation)

Associated planned replacement programmes or supplier contracts in place

Please refer to attached spreadsheet:

36275 Manufacturer and model of all endoscopic imaging systems and video endoscope.xls

Belfast Trust can confirm that we hold information on the endoscopic imaging systems currently in use. This information is provided in the attached spreadsheet. RBHSC do not hold, detailed information on all individual endoscopes. This is because:

- The specific endoscopes in use vary depending on clinical need.
- Some scopes (e.g. Vathin) are single-use disposable items, and therefore not tracked in a central inventory.
- Rigid scopes are replaced on an ongoing basis, and serial numbers or age are not recorded by the service area.
- Only the imaging systems that can be serviced are held under service contracts; the individual scopes themselves are not covered by these contracts.

Accordingly, Belfast Trust does not hold a comprehensive list of all endoscopic scopes, their model details, serial numbers, age, or replacement schedules.

Therefore, Belfast Trust is unable to comply fully with this request as to do so would require more than 18 hours work. Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

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We are able to provide the information held in centrally accessible reports (for example, data from the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and ACCTS reports), and this information is included in the attached spreadsheet.

If there is a specific service area you are particularly interested in, please let us know and we will be happy to consider a refined request.