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Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information in relation to diagnostic ultrasound equipment at Belfast Trust for the last 12 months:

1. A list of all diagnostic ultrasound scanning systems, including:

We can confirm that Belfast Health and Social Care Trust operates diagnostic ultrasound equipment for clinical purposes.

The equipment is subject to routine quality assurance and servicing arrangements. QA activity is undertaken in line with established governance and safety processes. Servicing and maintenance are managed through appropriate internal controls and contractual arrangements.

- **Manufacturer**
- **Model**
- **Date of manufacture**

Above information exempt under Section 31(1)(a) – Prevention or detection of crime. Device-level identifiers and age profile would enable asset fingerprinting and vulnerability matching.

2. For each ultrasound system listed:

- **The date of the most recent annual Quality Assurance (QA) check**

Above information exempt under Section 31(1)(a) – Prevention or detection of crime. Disclosure of device-specific assurance cadence could support reconnaissance.

- **Whether the annual QA was carried out internally (e.g. by Medical Physics / Clinical Engineering) or by an external provider**

Above information exempt under Section 31(1)(a) – Prevention or detection of crime. Granularity could expose supply-chain dependencies.

- **The date of the most recent service for each ultrasound system by which provider.**

Above information exempt under Section 31(1)(a) – Prevention or detection of crime. Service dates and provider names increase impersonation and supply-chain attack risk.

Section 31(1)(a) is a qualified exemption and is therefore subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

I can confirm that we have carried out a PIT and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold the information from release.