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Clinical Imaging Equipment

I am currently updating data on your Trust's clinical imaging equipment. Can you please complete the fields in the attached spreadsheet with what you currently hold?

To try to collate all of the information in the format requested would require work in excess of 18 hours, due to the sheer volume of equipment on the list and the fact that this information is not held centrally. No individual in the Trust manages this information and equipment.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), 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.

To assist you to refine your request we have attached a copy of information previously collated in response to a similar FOI submission (Our Ref: FOI 26814). This information has been updated to reflect the current position. Should you require anything further, then please specify exactly what you need and we will try our best to assist.

The information below was also requested:

Trust name:	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	
	MES Contract 1	MES Contract 2
Supplier	Philips Healthcare	Partners in Healthcare Technologies (PHT). Medipass MES - the MES provide under the Belfast contract)
Contract Start Date	1 October 2006	01/01/2006
Contract End Date	30 September 2023	31/12/2030
Initial Cost	Commercial in confidence*	Commercial in confidence*
Interest rates (%)	Subject to annual indexation	n/a
Consumables included?	Maintenance consumables and durables included	No
Accessories included?	Yes	Yes, some accessories if supplied through the OEM
Maintenance included?	Yes	Yes

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*We would not be able to provide the information requested concerning costs, e.g. capital purchase and maintenance costs, as this information is exempt from release under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2002 – Commercial Interests.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the Public Interest Test (PIT), which is set out in Section 2 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Public Interest Test has been completed and the outcome is to maintain the exemption and withhold from release the information regarding costs.