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Post processing software for CMR

I am conducting a survey and reaching out to all hospitals in the UK, writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding your hospital's post processing software for CMR. Specifically, I would like to request information on the cost, expiry, type and quantity of licenses your hospital has purchased.

Please can you provide the following information:

1) The date of expiry for the licenses purchased.

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2) The number of licenses your hospital has purchased.

- 2 (ONE FOR BCH AND 1 FOR MIH)

3) The cost of licenses purchased (individually and in total including any ongoing support costs).

In accordance with the FOI Act 2000 we cannot fulfill this part of your request under Section 43 Commercial Interest.

Section 43: commercial interest

Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if:

- the information requested is a trade secret, or
- release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

The arguments to maintain this exemption outweigh the arguments for disclosure. Its disclosure would be prejudicial to the commercial interest as detailed below.

- To provide the cost of licenses purchased individually and in total including any ongoing support costs is confidential as it would provide an advantage to competitors.
- Disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust: making public pricing information under the FOI Act would be damaging to the current and future professional relationship between the Trust and the provider(s). This would negatively affect the Trust in its ability to achieve value for money and the best possible service for patients/clients.

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4) The name of the post processing software that you use for CMR (e.g Circle CVI, Siemens Healthineers, etc).

- SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS

5) The make and model of the MR scanner(s) used by your hospital.

- SIEMENS AVANTO 1.5T (MIH MRI) & SIEMENS AERA 1.5T (BCH MRI)