



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-515

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding equipment.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 When are your current Vitreoretinal (VR) and Phaco equipment, and associated consumables contracts, due to expire?**

A1 The contracts are currently in place until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Q2 Do you plan to use a national framework for the renewal of this contract? If so which one?**

A2 The Trust is currently sourcing suitable frameworks, with SBS, H.T.E and NHS Supply Chain.

**Q3 Will you plan to use capital or revenue budget to fund the next contract for Phaco and VR equipment, i.e. capital purchase or consumables based agreement?**

A3 There is currently a plan to purchase replacement equipment in the financial year of 21-22 with Capital funding, but this is not guaranteed

**Q4 How many procedures per year (Phaco and VR) will be included within the next contract award, and for how many years?**

A4 19/20 = 2,052 Phacos and 232 Vitrectomy PPV

**Q5 Do you plan to trial potential new suppliers in the next twelve months (March 2021-Feb 2022)? If so when do you expect evaluations to take place?**

A5 When the Trust can operate as BAU, trials are planned for this equipment. This is not yet scheduled due to current restrictions

**Q6 Who is the procurement manager responsible for this contract?**

A6 Elizabeth Bailey – Consumable items only

**Q7 Who is the clinical lead for ophthalmology?**

A7 Annie Joseph

**Q8 What was the total spend on:**  
a) phaco  
b) VR packs in 2019?

A8 See below:

- Phacoemulsification Consumables – Between £150,000 and £160,000
- VR Packs – Between £90,000 and £100,000

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

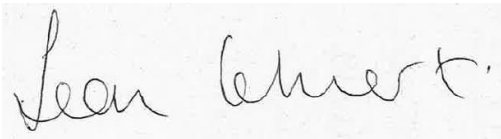
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**