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Internal Reference: 261028
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **13 October 2026.** We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.**

Your Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use and procurement of Rhinolaryngoscopes within your NHS Trust.

For clarity, this request relates to Flexible Rhinolaryngoscopes used in ENT examinations, both single-use and reusable.

Please provide the following information for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

- Does the Trust use Single-Use or Reusable Rhinolaryngoscopes.
- Annual Purchasing Volumes.
- What was the total expenditure for Flexible Rhinolaryngoscopes during the specified financial year.
- Please indicate whether purchases were made through Supply Chain or Direct with Supplies/Manufacturers.
- Please provide the name of the supplier or manufacturer from whom the Trust purchases these devices from.

Formal Response

Under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority is required to confirm whether it holds information falling within the scope of a request and, where it does, to communicate that information, subject to any applicable exemptions.

As the Trust does not use or procure these devices, the information requested is not held by the Trust.

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our website and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team
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