

## Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. What wristband printers are you currently using?

PDC Healthcare Thermal Printers

2. What wristbands are you buying?

PDC Healthcare Patient ID Wristbands

3. How many wristband printers do you have?

128

4. How many wristbands do you purchase per year?

156,028

5. What is your annual spend on wristbands?

This information is exempt under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to commercial interests.

Disclosure of the Trust's annual spend on wristbands could prejudice the commercial interests of both the Trust and its suppliers by impacting future procurement processes and contract negotiations. Releasing this figure could weaken the Trust's ability to obtain best value for money in future tendering exercises, as competitors and suppliers may use this information to influence pricing strategies.

The public interest in transparency and accountability has been considered; however, on balance, it is not deemed to outweigh the potential harm to the Trust's commercial position and the integrity of future procurement.

Therefore, this part of the request is withheld under Section 43(2) of the Act.

### Explanation:

Section 43(2) allows public authorities to withhold information if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person or organisation—including the public authority itself.

In this case:

- Disclosing the annual spend gives competitors and suppliers a benchmark to undercut or price-match, which could distort future market competition.
- This could result in less favourable contract terms or reduce the Trust's negotiating leverage during re-tendering.

While the public has a right to understand how public money is spent, in this instance, that interest is outweighed by the need to protect competitive procurement practices and commercial confidentiality.

6. Are you in contract for your wristbands?
  - a. If Yes, Please advise the supplier and  
**PDC Healthcare**
  - b. If Yes, please advise when this contract ends  
**Initial term 01/11/2026 max extension date 01/11/2028**
7. Who in the Trust is responsible for the purchasing of wristband printers?  
**Not applicable wristband printers for this contact are loaned**
8. Who in the Trust is responsible for purchasing wristbands?  
**Multiple departments are responsible for purchasing wristbands for their departmental requirements.**
9. Are your wristbands GS1 compliant?  
**Yes**
  - a. If no, are you planning to become GS1 compliant in the next year?

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

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