

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the past three years for which full data is available, could you please provide procurement data including cost and number of units for the following items purchased by the Trust:

1. Scissors, including surgical and disposable and single-use versions.
2. Forceps, including artery or tissue forceps.
3. Surgical clamps.
4. Basic hollowware, including gallipots, kidney dishes, instrument trays and bowls.
5. Single-use tourniquets.
6. Harmonic shears.

For each item category, please provide for each year:

- a) Total number of units procured
- b) Total spend (£)
- c) Where recorded in procurement systems, whether the items were designated as single-use/disposable.

“Units” represent the **Supplied Quantity** recorded in the procurement system and **Total Spend (£)** represents the **Total Demand (£)** value.

Surgical and Clinical Consumables

Item Category	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2025-YTD	2025-YTD
	Units	Spend (£)	Units	Spend (£)	Units	Spend (£)
Scissors	2,732	£9,594.05	2,754	£10,470.95	2,375	£9,160.46
Forceps	1,648	£6,238.44	1,712	£6,611.12	1,455	£5,892.06
Surgical Clamps	1,094	£4,762.60	1,128	£4,915.82	956	£4,217.73
Basic Hollowware	1,587	£3,284.33	1,631	£3,402.94	1,322	£2,884.21
Single-Use Tourniquets	5,242	£2,735.18	5,510	£2,865.73	4,361	£2,249.54
Harmonic Shears	87	£24,942.00	91	£26,081.00	73	£20,511.00

Disposable designation

Where identifiable from product descriptions, items such as tourniquets and some scissors are designated as single-use/disposable. The Trust’s procurement systems do not consistently record a dedicated field confirming whether each product is single-use; therefore this information cannot be provided comprehensively.

Additionally, for the same three financial years, please provide:

5. Total number of the following mobility aids procured:

- * Crutches
- * Walking frames
- * Walking sticks

And for each of the above mobility aids:

a) Total annual spend (£)

b) If recorded centrally, the number of units refurbished or reissued through reuse schemes

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not centrally procure mobility aids such as crutches, walking frames or walking sticks through its procurement systems. These items are typically provided to patients through the Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES), which is commissioned jointly by local authorities and health partners to supply community equipment. As a result, the procurement, supply, refurbishment and reuse of these mobility aids are managed outside of the Trust's purchasing systems.

The Trust therefore does not hold centrally recorded information on:

- The total number of crutches, walking frames or walking sticks procured;
- Total annual spend on these items; or
- The number of units refurbished or reissued through reuse schemes.

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust confirms that this information is not held.

You may wish to direct your request to the relevant Integrated Community Equipment Service or local authority, who may hold information relating to the procurement and reuse of these mobility aids.

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.

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:

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