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Response Due: 1st August 2025

Date: 29th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1) What wristband printers are you currently using?

The Trust uses the existing Canon printers.

2) What wristbands are you buying?

Zebra Technologies Laserband.

3) How many wristband printers do you have?

The Trust uses the existing Canon printers to print patient wristbands, however, as these are just printers with one of the trays filled with wristband paper instead of additional paper, the Trust has no way of tracking how many are filled with the wristband paper.

4) How many wristbands do you purchase per year?

114,900.

5) What is your annual spend on wristbands?

£25,665.34 excluding VAT.

6) Are you in contract for your wristbands?

No.

a. **If Yes, Please advise the supplier and**
N/A.

b. **If Yes, please advise when this contract ends**
N/A.

7) **Who in the Trust is responsible for the purchasing of wristband printers?**
The Information Technology department.

8) **Who in the Trust is responsible for purchasing wristbands?**
The Patient Safety department along with Procurement.

9) **Are your wristbands GS1 compliant?**
No.

a. **If no, are you planning to become GS1 compliant in the next year?**
Yes, the Trust has set up a task and finish group and are looking at the options.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Garry Harris
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