



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Response Due: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 1<sup>st</sup> August 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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we kindly request the following information for your Trust:**

- 1. A list of all ophthalmic consumables and procedure packs currently in use that are not covered by a formal contract or framework agreement.**  
Please see the below table.
- 2. For each non-contracted product, please provide the annual volume purchased (or used) over the last 12 months, the total spend, and the current supplier (if known).**  
Please see the below table.
- 3. If possible, please also provide the contact details (name, email, and telephone number) for the buyer or procurement lead responsible for ophthalmology within your Trust.**  
Katie Bielecki, Trust Procurement Manager.

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members, as large numbers of unsolicited emails/telephone calls, could cause disruption by blocking email accounts/telephone lines thus preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

**To make this process as straightforward as possible, please complete the relevant fields for each non-contracted product:**

**Product Code | Product Description | Annual Volume (last 12 months) | Total Spend (last 12 months) | Current Supplier (if known)**

Product Code	Product Description	Annual Volume	Total Spend	Current Supplier
MMK885	IVT Mr Mahood Injection Packs	x2 box of 50.	This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act.	Beaver-Visitec International
CN:CAT110	ICare tonometer probes	x10 box of 100.		Mainline Instruments Ltd
PU2-0008606	Bandage contact lenses	x12 box of 6.		Bausch and Lomb UK

**Section 43(2) – Commercial interests**

Information regarding the total spend has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

**Prejudice test**

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

**Public interest test**

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

• **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.

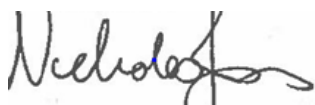
• **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.

• **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.

• **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicholas Jones  
Directorate Manager for Surgery

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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