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Subject:	Cystoscopes
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Requested:

1. How much did you spend from the 6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020 on the repair of cystoscopes.
2. How much did you spend on service maintenance contracts from the 6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020 on cystoscopes.
3. How much did you spend on waste management from the 6th April 2019 to 5th April 2020.
4. How many cystoscopes do you have in the hospital.

Response:

Health Board Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for questions 1 and 2, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information being requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all repair and maintenance contracts to identify any information specifically relating to the repair and maintenance of cystoscopes as they are covered within larger contracts.

Therefore, for questions 1 and 2, the UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information, where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

3. The UHB confirms the total spend on waste management was of £593,000 for the period 1 April to 31 March 2020.
4. The UHB’s inventory confirms there are 30 cystoscopes of various makes, models and ages across the UHB.