

Reference:	FOI.12977.23
Subject:	Diagnostic imaging equipment
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Requested:

1. Please could you supply the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the senior officer(s) responsible for procuring diagnostic equipment and maintenance services in the Health Board
2. For each of the following modalities (A) X-Ray (B) CT (C) MRI and (D) Ultrasound, please provide an inventory of the machines installed across the Health Board, specifying:
 - a. The name of the device manufacturer and supplier (if different to manufacturer)
 - b. The date of manufacture
 - c. The date of installation
 - d. The equipment age
 - e. The planned replacement date
 - f. The name of the maintenance and repair provider
 - g. The start and end date of the warranty period
 - h. The procurement route used to purchase the device*
 - i. Procurement contract start and end date (if applicable)
 - j. Maintenance and servicing agreement start and end date

*E.g. Direct purchase; Procurement framework (please specify name e.g., NHS supply chain); Lease finance; Managed Equipment Service (MED); Third party joint-venture; Commercial loan finance

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with all of the information requested for question 2, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of the asset database, to identify the information requested, as it is not recorded in an easily accessible format.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), 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.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds, within Attachment 1.