

Reference:	FOI.19430.26
Subject:	Mammography equipment
Date of Request:	28 January 2026

Requested:

Please can you provide the following information for each piece of mammography equipment within the Trust: -

1. How many mammography systems do you have in the trust?
2. Who is the manufacturer of each mammography system within the trust?
3. What is the model of each mammography system within the trust?
4. Trust location of each mammography system within the trust (hospital name/mobile van)?
5. Function of each of the mammography systems (screening/assessment/both)?
6. What was the initial cost of the equipment?
7. What is the annual maintenance cost?
8. What is the acquisition date for each mammography system within the trust?
9. What is the planned replacement date for each mammography system within the trust?
10. How does the Mammography department manage PGMI scoring (e.g. scored by superintendent, shared responsibility on scoring)?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) to the costs requested for questions 6 and 7, as they relate to a third party and would be prejudicial to their commercial interests. Section 43(2) exempts information, where disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any company.

Commercial interests may be prejudiced where disclosure would, or would be likely to:

- Weaken a company's position in a competitive environment by revealing market sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to its competitors
- Damage a company's business reputation or the confidence that customers/users, suppliers or investors may have in it.

This exemption is qualified; therefore, even if information falls within Section 43, public authorities must then apply the public interest test set out in Section 2(2)(b).

The information can only be withheld if the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The UHB has therefore considered the following:

In favour of disclosure: There is a public interest in transparency and in the accountability of public funds. Furthermore, it is in the public's interest that public funds be used effectively and that public sector bodies obtain the best value for money when contracting for the provision of services. Private sector bodies engaging in commercial activities with the public sector must expect some information about those activities to be disclosed.

Against Disclosure: Disclosure of this information would have a direct impact and cause substantial harm to the supplier, as it would disclose their pricing and the products/services provided to the UHB, and it would be likely that this would damage their ability to work within a highly competitive sector. The information being requested is likely to be used by their competitors to gain a competitive advantage.

Decision: - The UHB has considered that releasing the information under the FoIA, to which the UHB is subject, will give an unfair advantage to the suppliers' competitors. The UHB believes that there is wider established public interest in companies not being prejudiced merely because they have contracted with a public sector body, and that there is a public interest in ensuring that there is competition for public sector contracts.

Therefore, the public interest in withholding the costs requested is greater than the interests in disclosing it and thereby giving unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the company to which this information concerns.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides the information not exempted below.

1. The UHB confirms it has three (3) mammography units.
2. - 10. The UHB provides the requested information within the table below.

2.	Manufacturer	Hologic	Hologic	Hologic
3.	Model	Dimensions 3D	Dimensions 3D	Dimensions
4.	Location	Prince Philip Hospital	Bronglais General Hospital	Withybush General Hospital
5.	Function	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment
6.	Initial cost	Section 43 exemption applied		
7.	Annual maintenance cost	Section 43 exemption applied		
8.	Acquisition date	March 2023	June 2014	June 2014
9.	Replacement date	Approximately 2033	Not held	
10.	(Perfect, Good, Moderate, Inadequate (PGMI) scoring	Shared responsibility on scoring	Shared responsibility on scoring	Shared responsibility on scoring