

Title: Pathology / Pharmacy Fridge Temperatures

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

1. *Does your Pathology Department currently use a solution to monitor the fridge temperature?*

Answer: Yes, for both Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Eastern and Northern Services.

2. *If yes who is the supplier?*

Answer: Comark, a Fluke Company (Northern Services) and Tutela (Eastern Services).

3. *When does the contract expire?*

Answer: Both annually renewable.

4. *How much are you currently paying for the solution?*

Answer: This information is commercially sensitive and its release would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

In applying the exemption under Section 43(2) the Freedom of Information Act the Trust has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The Trust has considered all the relevant factors in the public interest test and concluded that the benefit to the public in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in releasing the information requested as a result of the prejudices and losses that would potentially affect the Trust and patients. As such this information is being withheld.

5. *Does the department monitor anything else e.g. Humidity, Pressure?*

Answer: No, for both Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Eastern and Northern Services.

6. *Does your Pharmacy Department currently use a solution to remotely monitor the fridge temperature?*

Answer: Comark RF500 system, for both Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Eastern and Northern Services.

7. *If yes who is the supplier?*

Answer: Comark Instruments / Fluke, for both Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Eastern and Northern Services.

8. *When does the contract expire?*

Answer: Calibration five-year contract Nov 2021 to Nov 2025 inclusive for the East Services. No calibration contract with Comark as is performed by a local company on an annual basis for North Services.

9. *How much are you currently paying for the solution?*

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10. *Does the department monitor anything else e.g. Humidity, Pressure?*

Answer: Pressure and air borne particulate matter via a separate system for Eastern Services. No for Northern Services.