

Ophthalmology Optical Biometry

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.

- 1. Does the Trust currently complete Optical Biometry for the purpose of selecting an Intraocular Lens choice for Cataract Surgery? [YES/NO]*

Answer: Yes.

- 2. Which department for the Trust is responsible for carrying out the Optical Biometry? [e.g. Outpatients, Ophthalmology, Other]*

Answer: Outpatients and Daycase.

- 3. Is there a specified role within this department that is responsible for Optical Biometry? [e.g. Consultant Ophthalmologist, Registrar, Orthoptist, Nurse, etc.]*

Answer: No, this is done by nursing staff and technicians.

- 4. How many biometry calculations does the department complete during an average week? [Number]*

Answer: Approximately 100 per week across Axminster, Nightingale and Wonford.

- 5. How many pieces of equipment does the department use for Optical Biometry, and what is the manufacturer, model and age? [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]*

Answer: 2x ZEISS IOL MASTER 700 25/03/2021.

- 6. Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department? [Owned / Leased / Rented]*

Answer: Owned.

- 7. If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract*

linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs? [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]

Answer: Not applicable.

8. *Does the Trust / department replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years? [YES / NO], [Years]*

Answer: No.

9. *Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider? [MANUFACTURER / 3rd PARTY / NO]*

Answer: Yes, equipment manufacturer.

10. *Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for new biometry equipment? [YES / NO]*

Answer: No.

a. *If Yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place? [Expected Date]*

Answer: Not applicable.

b. *If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years? [YES / NO]*

Answer: No.

11. *Does the Trust link the Biometry measurements to an electronic patient record (PACS or EHR system), or are these stored on the equipment locally and printed? [EHR SYSTEM / PAPER RECORDS / OTHER]*

Answer: Yes, stored on the Forum system.

12. *If EHR, which electronic patient record system does the Trust use? [e.g. MediSoft, HIVE, FORUM, etc.]*

Answer: Forum.

13. *Can these electronic biometry measurements be accessed in the department only, or in the Operating Theatre during surgery? [Department Only / Operating Theatre / N/A]*

Answer: All areas at all times.