

LOLER Maintenance & Servicing

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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).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could I request details of the current service agreement/arrangement in place covering the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) inspections on patient handling equipment (equipment such as your Patient Overhead Hoists, Mobil Hoists and other lifting platforms).

1. Details including dates of contracts, term

Answer: Eastern Services: Zurich (as part of insurance inspection contract) 01/01/23-31/12/23 [Acute sites], Medserve (patient equipment servicing & LOLER) 14/08/22-13/08/23 [Community sites]. Northern Services: Contract covers all Northern sites and runs from 01/06/23 to 31/05/24.

2. Amount of equipment on site/covered

Answer: Eastern Services: 487 items (Acute – 128, Community – 359). Northern Services: 536 items.

3. Value of agreement?

Answer: Eastern Services: This information is not available – Presentation of each contract does not specify the respective value of the LOLER element, only listing the total value of the contract for all elements. Northern Services: 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 under Section 43 (2).