

Title -
Ophthalmic Digital system

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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 would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request.

- 1. Does the Trust currently use a Digital System / 3D Viewing System for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery, or for any other surgical department? Trust response: NO.*
- 2. How many pieces of Digital System / 3D Viewing System equipment does the operating department use for Ophthalmic Surgery, and what is the manufacturer, model, and age? [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment] Not applicable.*
- 3. Is this equipment owned, leased, or rented by the department? [Owned / Leased / Rented] Not applicable.*
- 4. If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it ended? 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?] Not applicable.*
- 5. Does the Trust / Department plan to replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years? [YES / NO], [Years] Not applicable.*
- 6. 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] Not applicable.*
- 7. Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for a new ophthalmic surgery Digital System / 3D viewing system? Trust response: NO.*
- 8. If yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place? [Expected Date]. Not applicable.*
- 9. If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years? Trust response: The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of information held. This information requested is not held in documentation within the Trust; therefore, we are unable to release information in response to this question.*

10. *Does the Trust have access to an innovation budget to support surgical advancements, for example to fund the provision of a 3D Viewing System for Ophthalmic Surgery to assist with training.*

Trust response: There is no ringfenced “Innovation Budget” – each case for investment is managed separately through normal trust financial processes (capital, revenue etc).

11. *What would be the Trust’s route to market for a new ophthalmic surgery 3D viewing system? [Direct Purchase Agreement / NHSSC / Other] Trust response: The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of information held. This information requested is not held in documentation within the Trust; therefore, we are unable to release information in response to this question.*