

FOI 2181

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**· Does the Trust currently use a Digital System / 3D Viewing System for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery, or for any other surgical department? [YES / NO / Other – If other please specify]**

**· 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]**

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

**· 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?]**

**· 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]**

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

**· Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for a new ophthalmic surgery Digital System / 3D viewing system? [YES / NO]**

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

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

**· 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? [YES / NO / UNSURE]**

**· What would be the Trust's route to market for a new ophthalmic surgery 3D viewing system? [Direct Purchase Agreement / NHSSC / Other]**



Southern Health  
and Social Care Trust

**Response:**

Your request for information has now been considered. Unfortunately the Southern Health & Social Care Trust does not hold the information you have requested.

Please be advised that this information may be held by the Belfast Trust as the Ophthalmology Service is conducted by them.

You can contact them via the following link:-

<https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/about/access-to-information/foi/>

Email: [Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net)