

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2022.234  
Released 1 December 2022**

Thank you for your email received 17 November 2022 requesting information regarding respiratory diagnostic equipment.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

***Summary of your original request:***

***Could you please provide me with some information on what Respiratory Diagnostic Equipment currently in use across all Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust.***

***I am particularly interested in the equipment in the following departments or similar departments.***

***Cardio Respiratory***

***Pulmonary Function***

***Paediatrics***

***Chest Clinic***

***Respiratory Department***

***Occupational Health***

***Primary Care***

***I would like to know the following please.***

- 1. The number of current devices in use.***
- 2. Manufacturer and type of device.***
- 3. Which Hospitals and departments are they in.***
- 4. Date of installation.***

This request is substantially similar to as another request we received in November 2022 and the information is now readily available to download from our public website (under reference 2022.221 respiratory diagnostic equipment): <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/download/foi-responses-for-november-2022/>

Therefore. this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible to applicant by other means).

The relevant excerpts from the Act have been detailed below:

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**21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
  - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
  - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.