

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2023.332
Released – 21 February 2023**

Thank you for your email received 1 February 2023 requesting information regarding medical scales.

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

Summary of your original request:

Who currently holds the contract for the annual servicing and maintenance of the medical scales?

MTS Health Ltd

When is the service contract for the servicing and maintenance of medical scales due to expire?

31/03/2024

Who is responsible for the medical scales service contract at the trust and what is their email address?

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

*(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and
(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.*

(3A) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or*
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.*

However, we can confirm that this is overseen by the Trust's Medical Devices Team and the executive director with overall responsibility for this is the Chief Nurse, Mercia Spare.

Chair John Goulston Chief Executive Mairead McCormick

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