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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Dyddiad/Date: 1st December 2020
Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 20-K-018

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Corporate Services
Headquarters
1 Talbot Gateway
Baglan
Port Talbot, SA12 7BR

Dear [Redacted],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 16th November 2020. Your request sought information relating to surgical ophthalmic disposable instruments.

1. Do you use ophthalmic disposable instruments?

Yes

2. Is yes, please specify which brand model and quantities were used in 2019.

| | Brand | Model/Code | What was the quantity purchased in 2019 | What was the total annual value? |
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| Capsulorhexis forceps | Malosa (ORDERED FROM BEAVER VISITEC) | MMSU1568S | 3bx of 20 | *see below |
| Bonn forceps | Malosa (ORDERED FROM BEAVER VISITEC) | MMSU1123S | 4bx of 20 | *see below |



Pencadlys BIP Bae Abertawe, Un Porthfa Talbot, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR / Swansea Bay UHB Headquarters, One Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR

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| Tying forceps | Malosa (ORDERED FROM BEAVER VISITEC) | MMSU1127S (Angled) MMSU1414CS (Birks) | 1bx of 20 2bx of 20 | *see below |
| Sinsky Hooks | Malosa (ORDERED FROM BEAVER VISITEC) | MMSU1473S (Reverse) MMSU1147S (Straight) | 0 bx 2bx of 20 | *see below |
| Chopper | Malosa (ORDERED FROM BEAVER VISITEC) | MMSU1221S | 14bx of 20 | *see below |

The annual value has been withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

To provide the value could essentially, along with the other information provided lead to the ability to work out (an approximate figure could be obtained) of the cost per unit. Whilst the Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. The Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It is therefore decided that it is not in the public's interest to disclose this information.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. a. wenger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Pam Wenger
Director of Corporate Governance

