

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request**

**Date Request Received: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**FOI Ref No 29376**

**Requested Information:**

**1. Dynamic Hip Screw (DHS)**

Procedure: Internal fixation of hip fractures using a sliding hip screw system (commonly extracapsular, but may include other fracture types, intracapsular).

- a. What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure at your hospital?
- b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?
- c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

**2. Short Intramedullary Femoral Nail**

Procedure: Internal fixation of femoral fractures using a short intramedullary nail (e.g. for unstable intertrochanteric or subtrochanteric fractures).

- a. What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure?
- b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?
- c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

**3. Distal Radius ORIF (Plate and Screws)**

Procedure: Open reduction and internal fixation of distal radius fractures.

- a. What is the most commonly used plate implant for this procedure?
- b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?
- c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?

**Notes:**

If your response covers multiple hospital sites within the trust, **please kindly specify whether the data provided is for the entire trust or for individual hospital sites.**

We understand that implant costs may vary slightly depending on size or configuration. An approximate or average per-patient cost for each implant is perfectly acceptable.

**Response:**

**1. Dynamic Hip Screw (DHS)**

- a. What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure at your hospital?
  - **02.224.204S - SCREW HIP SYSTEM DYNAMIC LCP DHS PLATE 130 DEGREE 4H LENGTH 38/92 MM STAINLESS STEEL STERILE DEPUY SYNTHES LIMITED EACH**
- b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?
  - **125**
- c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?
  - **Commercially sensitive information. Please see appendix one.**

**2. Short Intramedullary Femoral Nail**

- a. What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure at your hospital?
  - **35303380S NAIL LONG KIT R1.5 TI LEFT GAMMA3 D13X380MM X 130D STRYKER UK LTD EACH**
- b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?
  - **159**
- c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?
  - **Commercially sensitive information. Please see appendix one.**

**3. Distal Radius ORIF (Plate and Screws)**

- a. What is the most commonly used implant for this procedure at your hospital?
  - **131212002 SYSTEM HI PLATES STERILE DVR ANATOMIC STANDARD LEFT PHA AB ZIMMER BIOMET UK LTD INTERNATIONAL EACH**
- b. Approximately how many of these procedures were performed in a 12-month period?
  - **139**
- c. What is the average implant cost per patient during that period?
  - **Commercially sensitive information. Please see appendix one.**

**Attachment(s):**

**Appendix One:**

Section 43 (2) - Commercial Sensitivity (qualified)

Regarding your request for “the average implant cost per patient during that period”, the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust have considered this part of your request and after careful consideration, have concluded that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

43 (2) Information is exempt from disclosure under this Act as it would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Exemption 43 (2) is a qualified exemption, and the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust has fully considered the balance of public interest and is satisfied that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. The Trust considers that there is a real likelihood of harm arising to its own commercial interests. The disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, have a negative impact on future price negotiations.

**Date Response sent: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**