

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 25th September 2025 FOI Ref 30452

Requested Information:

Please provide the following information for the most recent complete financial year (e.g. 2023–2024):

1. **Total spend** by your Trust on stents, broken down by:
 - Coronary stents
 - Peripheral vascular stents
 - Any other types of stents, if applicable
2. The **suppliers and manufacturers** from whom the Trust purchased stents during that period.
3. The **number of stents** purchased, by type (if recorded).
4. Whether these stents were procured:
 - Through NHS Supply Chain
 - Through a framework agreement
 - Or via direct award contracts (please specify if known)

Please include any available documentation that clarifies the Trust's procurement route for stents, such as contract names or frameworks used.

If any part of this request is unclear or would exceed the time/cost limit, please let me know and I will be happy to refine it.

Response:

1. Total spend by your Trust on stents
Commercially Sensitive - The disclosure of this information would allow a unit price to be established. This would, or would be likely to, prejudice any future price negotiations between the Trust and suppliers

2. The suppliers and manufacturers from whom the Trust purchased stents during that period.

Coronary Stent – NHS Supply Chain (Terumo), Cardiologic

**Peripheral Stent – NHS Supply Chain (Boston Scientific, W L Gore), ITS
Interventional LTD, W L Gore
Vascular Stent – Medtronic
Biliary Stent – NHS Supply Chain (Boston Scientific, Cook Medical), BVM
Medical
Bare-Metal Stent – NHS Supply Chain (Boston Scientific)
Drug-Eluting Stent – Boston Scientific, Medtronic**

3. The number of stents purchased, by type (if recorded).

**Coronary Stent – 242
Peripheral Stent - 178
Vascular Stent - 155
Biliary Stent - 162
Bare-Metal Stent - 619
Drug-Eluting Stent - 651**

4. Whether these stents were procured:

- o Through NHS Supply Chain**
- o Through a framework agreement**
- o Or via direct award contracts (please specify if known)**

**Coronary Stent – NHSSC
Peripheral Stent - NHSSC
Vascular Stent - NHSSC
Biliary Stent – NHSSC, direct quote
Bare-Metal Stent - NHSSC
Drug-Eluting Stent - NHSSC**

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 4 November 2025

Section 43 Commercial Sensitivity

Regarding Question 1 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)1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

143. (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 have fully considered the balance of public interest and are 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 both its own commercial interests but also to our supplier's commercial interests.