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21 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00437

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 27 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I am writing to obtain information regarding the Procurement of Decontamination Systems, namely Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour and UVC, by your Organisation and/or on behalf of third parties.

Please list the institutions that MRC has procured HPV or UVC equipment on behalf of since 2018 in the following format;

- *Name of Institution and full address details*
- *What was the name of the manufacturer and the model supplied?*
- *What were the costs of the systems when new?*
- *Were these systems purchased via a tender or mini competition?*
- *Were these systems purchased through a framework agreement or direct sale?*
- *Were these systems purchased outright, or via a lease rental package?*
- *Date of Tender and Length of Contract*
- *Overall Value of Contract including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements?*
- *Does the contract include a maintenance agreement (if so, please specify the terms)*
- *Full contact details for the individuals from each Institution who instructed the MRC*

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

The Medical Research Council (MRC) has purchased three Bioquell L-4 Hydrogen Peroxide Generators since 2018 for the Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB), one in 2019 and a further two in 2021.

- *Name of Institution and full address details*

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Francis Crick Avenue, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge CB2 0Q

- *What was the name of the manufacturer and the model supplied?*

Bioquell UK Ltd, L-4 mobile VHP generator

- *What were the costs of the systems when new?*

£27,833

- *Were these systems purchased via a tender or mini competition?*

In 2019 three quotes were requested from different manufacturers. In 2021, a Single Sourcing Action (SSA) was used.

- *Were these systems purchased through a framework agreement or direct sale?*

Direct sale

- *Were these systems purchased outright, or via a lease rental package?*

Outright

- *Date of Tender and Length of Contract*

N/A

- *Overall Value of Contract including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements?*

£51,934.66 including on site validation of equipment VHP cycles.

- *Does the contract include a maintenance agreement (if so, please specify the terms)*

No

- *Full contact details for the individuals from each Institution who instructed the MRC*

We are exempting the names of individuals under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,



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