



FOI 3316

Date 19/09/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. **Does Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust use single use endoscopes for any of its endoscopy procedures?**
 - a. **If so, can you state in which procedures they are used?**
 - b. **If so, can you state which brand/s of endoscopes are used?**
2. **Can Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust state how many single use endoscopes have been used in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**
3. **Can Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust state how many single use endoscopes are planned to be used in 2024, 2025, and 2026.**
4. **Does Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust have plans to increase the use of single use endoscopes to help in the delivery of Community Diagnostic Centres and temporary out-of-hours hubs to reduce waiting lists?**

Answer:

The Trust does not use single use endoscopes and has no plan to increase this.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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