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REQUEST

Registration number:
Make:
Model:

of all vehicles both owned/leased by your NHS Trust and all vehicles sold between 01/09/2023 and 31/10/2024.

RESPONSE

Southport & Ormskirk Sites

All vehicles both owned/leased

Vehicle reg	Make		Vehicle Body
See exemption sec 31	Iveco Luton	Owned	Box van
	Iveco 65c15	Owned	Box van
	Iveco 35c12DC	Owned	Box van
	Nissan Luton	Owned	Box van
	Fiat Doblo	Owned	Panel Van
	Vauxhall combo	Owned	Panel van
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	Citroen Berlingo	Owned	Panel van
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	Fiat Doblo	Owned	Panel van
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	Citroen Berlingo	Owned	Panel van
	Peugeot Export	LOAN	Panel Van
	VW Transporter	Owned	Lift fitted.
	Focus	Owned	
	VW Transporter	Owned	
	Peugeot 333 Boxer	Lease	
	Renault Master	Owned	Lift fitted
	Toyota Rave 4 Red	Lease	
	Ford Transit	Owned	Box Van
	Transit Connect	Lease	Box Van
	Ford	Lease	Ramp
	Trailer	Owned	Trailer

All vehicles sold between 01/09/2023 and 31/10/2024.

PO15 xxx– Sold April 2024
PO15 xxx– Sold April 2024
DE14 xxx– Sold June 2024

Section 31: law enforcement – prevention or detection of crime

Section 31(1)(a) of the Act states:

31. Law enforcement.

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—

(a) the prevention or detection of crime,

Guidance from the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) states:

Section 31(1)(a) will cover all aspects of the prevention and detection of crime...The exemption also covers information held by public authorities without any specific law enforcement responsibilities...It could also be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures.

Information disclosed under Freedom of Information becomes publicly available. This means that the impact of disclosure must be considered from the general release of information and not limited to disclosure to one individual (the requestor).

The Trust determines that to disclose the requested information could be used by criminals to identify our vehicles and the registrations could be used to avoid charges to vehicles for example charges relating to congestion for which our vehicles may be exempt or could make our vehicles targets for crime. The Trust is therefore exempting this response in relation to the registration numbers.

St Helens and Whiston Hospitals are part of a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) with New Hospitals the Trust does not have a fleet of vehicles on these sites. The fleet of vehicles in use at the Trust are operated by its facilities management provider Medirest as part of the PFI contract for the provision of the hospitals buildings and services.