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We are responding to your request for information received 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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**Request:**

**Question 1: Current Use of Asset Tracking**

**a) Does your organisation use any system to track the location of medical equipment?**

**(Yes / No)**

**If "No" go to section 4.**

**b) If yes, which of the following methods are used to track equipment? (please select all that apply)**

- **Fixed scanners or handheld scanners that detect tagged equipment automatically (e.g. radio-frequency or similar technologies)**
- **Tags or sensors attached to equipment that provide location updates within buildings (e.g. via Bluetooth or similar signals)**
- **Scanning barcodes or QR codes on equipment using mobile devices**
- **Location tracking using GPS (e.g. for equipment used in the community)**
- **Manual recording of equipment location (e.g. spreadsheets, paper records, or asset registers)**
- **Other (please specify)**

**c) If known, please provide the name(s) of any supplier(s) used.**

**Answer:** No

**Question 2: Scope of Tracking**

**a) Does tracking cover:**

- **Acute settings only**
- **Acute and community settings**
- **Community settings only**

**b) Approximately how many assets are tracked?**

- **<1,000**
- **1,000–5,000**
- **5,000–10,000**
- **10,000+**

**Answer:** N/A

**Question 3: Operational Challenges**

**Does your organisation experience any of the following? (please select all that apply)**

- **Equipment not available when needed**
- **Time spent by staff searching for equipment**
- **Difficulty locating devices for maintenance or compliance**
- **None of the above**

**Answer:** N/A

**Question 4: Evaluation and Future Plans**

**a) Has your organisation produced any internal report or evaluation relating to asset tracking systems?**

**(Yes / No)**



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**b) Are there plans to review or expand asset tracking capabilities within the next 24 months?**

**(Yes / No / Unknown)**

Answer: a) No  
b) No



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