



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 24/01/18.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information.

1. *Are your doctors still currently using dictation recorders with analogue tapes/cassettes?*

No

2. *Do you currently use any digital dictation systems and if so which one(s)?*

Winscribe Digital Dictation and Voice Recognition

- a. *If yes, which departments use them, how much has been spent on them and what are the start and end dates of any contracts?*

Used by all clinical departments

Contract started 2012 and currently runs to June 2019

£130k capital costs

3. *Do you have any current plans to implement a digital dictation system(s)?*

N/A already in place

- a. *If yes, what are the planned timescales, has a budget been allocated and which procurement route will you use?*
- b. *Do you have a corporate or departmental strategy/approach for procuring these systems?*

Competitive tender, often via an existing framework mechanism