

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 304

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 08/09/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

## **Your Request:**

Packs handed out in maternity wards.

- 1. Does your Trust allow Bounty to hand out packs in your maternity wards? If so how many packs are handed out approx. per year?
- 2. How much money do you make per annum for allowing Bounty access to hand out packs in the maternity wards?
- 3. What is the contract length between the Trust and Bounty relating to the access to provide packs?
- 4. What is the renewal date of the agreement between the Trust and Bounty relating to the access to provide packs?
- 5. Does the contract provide exclusivity to Bounty?
- 6. Please can you confirm if you contract at hospital or Trust level for the supply of packs in your maternity wards?
- 7. Who is responsible for such activities?

Photography Services in Maternity Wards

- 1. Does your Trust permit the access to the maternity wards to Bounty photography services? If so how many photographs are taken in your wards per annum?
- 2. How much money do you make per annum for allowing Bounty access to perform photography services in your maternity wards?
- 3. What is the contract length and renewal of any contracts relating to the supply of Bounty photography services? Does the contract provide exclusivity to Bounty?

## Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

## **Packs**

- 1. The Trust allows Bounty to hand out packs. We do not record the number of packs handed out.
- 2. We are unable to provide this information under Part II Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. There is no intention towards concealment on the part on Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust.

Your request for this information has been given careful consideration, however, the Trust is not able to give you the information because it is exempt from disclosure. Section 43(2) Commercial Interests To provide the information as requested, would be disclosing information which is commercially sensitive and could prejudice the commercial interests of our suppliers. This information is therefore held exempt under section 43 of the FOI Act.

In relation to this exemption (known as a 'Prejudice' based exemption), as required, we have applied the Public Interest Test and have found that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 3. The contract was effective from 19th July 2015 to date.
- 4. 18th July 2018.
- 5. The contract includes elements of exclusivity to Bounty.
- 6. Contract at Trust level which for NGH is the same as hospital level.
- 7. The Procurement Department are responsible for contracts.

## **Photos**

- 1. Yes the Trust allows access to Bounty Photographer. We do not record the number of photographs taken.
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