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Thank you for your request concerning vending machines.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

(1) How many vending machines have there been across your trusts' grounds, in each of the past five years.

We are unable to provide a breakdown over the past 5 years as this information is not held centrally.

However under Section 16 of the FOI Act I can inform you that we currently have 9 vending machines providing snacks and drinks. We also have 1 vending machine supplying e-cigarettes.

(2) Can you break down the above question into how many of these are with snacks containing less than 150 calories and how many included traditional confectionery, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks.

We do not hold this information¹.

To establish if I could provide you with this information I enquired with our Site Managers. They informed me that the vending machines are outsourced to local suppliers and they are responsible for filling of drinks and snacks and e-cigarettes.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held or exist. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

(3) Which company is contracted to provide the machines?

There are no contracts in place.

The vending machines are leased from Interserve, Klix, Selecta, Coca Cola Enterprises and Express Vending.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

(4) How much profit did the trust earn from these machines in each of the past five years? If possible, could you separate that figure for the separate types of vending machines please.

We do not hold this information¹.

To establish if I could provide you with this information I enquired with our finance department. As explained above the vending machines are outsourced. There is no cost to the Trust, nor do we make any profit from them.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

