

Ref. No: 0250  
Date: 13/09/23  
Subject: Fleet vehicles

## REQUEST

Please can you supply me with the following information for all vehicles currently on your fleet list and all vehicles sold between 14/11/2022 - 05/09/2023.

- Registration number
- Make
- Model

## RESPONSE

Please note that St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, therefore the answer to your request refers to each individual site.

### **St Helens and Knowsley Sites**

At St Helens and Whiston Hospitals, the Facilities Management Services are provided under the Trusts Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract with Vercity, which also provides the hospital buildings and infrastructure. The Trusts PFI contract term is for a period of 35 years which runs to August 2047.

All Soft FM Services are run by our partner Medirest and Hard FM Services by our partner Vinci FM. All expenditure for these services are provided as part of the PFI agreement.

### **Southport and Ormskirk Sites**

Please find information below for vehicles owned or leased by Southport and Ormskirk sites.

<b>Make / Model</b>
Citroen Berlingo
Citroen Berlingo
Citroen Berlingo

Citroen Berlingo
Citroen Berlingo
Citroen Luton
Ford Focus
Ford Transit
Ford Transit
Ford Transit
Iveco 65c15
Iveco Daily 35c12DC
Nissan Luton
Peugeot 333 Boxer
Peugeot Export
Peugeot Partner
Toyota Rav 4
Transit Connect
Vauxhall Combo
Vauxhall Combo
Volkswagen Caravelle
Volkswagen Transporter

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).

In this instance, the Trust believes that the disclosure of vehicle registration plates would increase the likelihood of said information being used for criminal purposes, namely the cloning of registration plates.