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Dear Requester,

FOI 1146

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. When does the existing maintenance contract(s) expire for the Trust's flexible endoscope inventory?
The current contract expires on 31st March 2022. Work is currently ongoing to join forces with MKUH in obtaining an ICS for endoscopy maintenance.
2. Who is the current service provider of flexible endoscope repair & maintenance?
Althea are the current incumbent for both Luton and Bedford sites.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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