

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 17-359**

Date 16 June 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

**1. How many theatres does your hospital have?**

There are 33 theatres across the Trust.

**2. How is the Sterile Services and Decontamination Unit in your hospital organised?**

<b>Own Decontamination Unit</b>	X
<b>Own Decontamination Unit that also provides for other hospitals</b>	
<b>Supplied by a Decontamination Unit from a different hospital</b>	
<b>Contracted out.</b>	

The Trust currently has 4 units of its own that serves both the Trust and External customers.

**3. From which manufacturer do you get your instruments?**

<b>Getinge</b>	The Trust does not source any instruments from the above suppliers as they are all manufacturers of machinery. The Trust sources surgical instruments from a wide range of suppliers
<b>MMM</b>	
<b>Belimed</b>	
<b>BHT</b>	
<b>Steris</b>	
<b>Dawmed</b>	
<b>Peacocks</b>	
<b>Medisafe</b>	
<b>Others:</b>	

**4. What kind of transporting system do you use at your hospital?**

<b>Open carts</b>	
<b>Closed carts</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Cart in cart system (e.g. Känguruh-System)</b>	
<b>Others:</b>	

The Trust uses closed carts i.e. metal trolleys and plastic boxes (UN approved). These are transported via either a lorry/small van or by trolleys along internal corridors.

**5. What size are the containers you use?**

<b>ISO</b>	
<b>DIN</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>SPRI</b>	
<b>Others:</b>	

**6. How many containers are processed (cleaned, sterilized, etc.) in your hospital per year?**

We are unable to provide the numbers specific to containers as we also use tray wrap and pouch, however, across the Trust, 1,286,700 individual sets are processed and 686,000 single items are processed.

**7. When it comes to your purchasing process in the decontamination sector, do you have a centralized system with a purchasing department or are the individual people allowed to make their orders themselves (up to a certain limit)?**

<b>Centralized system</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Decentralized system</b>	

**8. Where do you get the information about the products you need from?**

<b>Manufacturer</b>	
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Purchasing department</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Internet</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Price list</b>	
<b>NHS Supplier List</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Others:</b>	
Authorised Engineer for Decontamination, end users own knowledge and experience	<b>X</b>

**9. From whom do you buy your products in the end?**

<b>Manufacturer</b>	Usually
<b>Dealer</b>	Sometimes
<b>Others:</b>	

**10. Who is the decision maker when it comes to Decontamination and Sterile Services issues (as in buying new products, etc.)?**

<b>Sterile Services Manager/Trust Decontamination Manager</b>	X
<b>Theatre Manager</b>	X
<b>Head of Procurement</b>	X
<b>Others:</b>	

**11. Is it possible to get the contact details for this person (as in first and surname, phone number and E-Mail address)?**

Annette Giles , Head of CSSD, Trust Decontamination Manager,  
[Annette.Giles@uhbristol.nhs.uk](mailto:Annette.Giles@uhbristol.nhs.uk)

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
 University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
 Trust Headquarters  
 Marlborough Street  
 Bristol  
 BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

