

Date: 13 August 2019

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 198- 2019

Thank you for your email dated the 19th July 2019, requesting information regarding medical equipment contracts.

The information that you require is as follows:

1) Current medical equipment contracts – pressure area care

- a) I would like to know what pressure area care devices are used in your trust. Please include details regarding pressure relieving mattresses and other pressure redistribution devices e.g. pressure relieving cushions, foot protectors, pads etc

See attached Excel Spreadsheet

- b) For each of these devices, how many of each device are used in your trust per year?

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For each of these devices, please detail which company these devices are acquired/bought from and the type of contract this company is operating under

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- c) Please detail when did each of these contracts start? (If no formal contract, then please detail when purchasing from the company began)

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- d) How long is each contract for?

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- e) What is the expenditure on each of these contracts per year? (If no formal contract, then please detail how much is spent on each type of device from each company per year)

Not Applicable – All items are owned by Trust therefore no contracts are in place. Incurred costs are based on repair / replacement as and when required, which can't be predicted

- f) For each of these devices, please detail how they were acquired (e.g. acquired through the NHS supply chain or acquired through direct negotiation with companies?)

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- g) What is the overall expenditure on pressure area care devices in your region per year?

This information is not held - unfortunately we do not hold this information for the region

- h) Does your trust have a preference for a company offering all pressure area care devices providing all of the components of 1a) (e.g. pressure relieving mattress, pressure relieving cushions etc.) or do you instead opt for a collection of different companies each providing one (or more) of the aforementioned devices in 1a) (e.g. separate pressure relieving cushions, pressure relieving mattresses etc.)

No preference, the Trust's current approach is all pressure care items sourced from one supplier

2) Procurement methods

- a) Which procurement method do you use (e.g. restricted/single source/open tendering/ any quality provider etc.) to identify which supplier will deliver pressure area care devices

Single source, existing provider

- b) Please detail the procurement method procedure once a pressure area care device contract has ended (e.g. do you typically offer contracts with the same supplier or do you reopen the tendering process to all potential suppliers/specific suppliers)

In this instance it was the same supplier. The approach varies dependent on the item and cost

c) **How often do you invite suppliers to tender for pressure area care devices?**

Not Applicable – See answer to question 1

d) **Please detail the number of providers which tendered for a pressure area care device contract each time you invited providers to tender for contracts.**

Not Applicable – single provider

e) **Detail the criteria by which you assess a supplier that is tendering for a pressure area care device contract and please rank these criteria in terms of the weighting given to each component.**

Not Applicable – See answer to question 1

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

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

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

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