**FOI Ref: 6453**

**Category(ies): Clinical - Equipment**

**Subject: Equipment That Has Reached the End of Its Life**

**Date Received: 22/06/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| I would like to make a FOI information request regarding hospital equipment.  The definition of medical equipment would include:  1: Storage and Transport Medical Equipment  2: Durable Medical Equipment (e.g. hospital beds)  **3: Diagnostic Medical Equipment (imaging machines e.g. Xray, CT scanners, Ultrasound)**  4: Electronic Medical Equipment (e.g. patient monitors)  5: Surgical Medical Equipment (e.g. surgical tables)  The definition **would not include**:  6: Single use Acute Care (trays, wound kits, blood bottles, syringes)  7: Procedural Medical Equipment (e.g. surgical clamps, scalpels, gloves, forceps)  8: Other disposable, single use equipment  A general guide if the item is not covered by the above list would be that if the item has a high RRP price (e.g. unit price greater than 500 GBP) and is not single use/disposable then it should be considered medical equipment for the purposes of this request.  If the item is sold/repurposed/re-used to another company, then it should be included.  I would like to know (segmented by hospital): | |
| 1. The process which the hospital follows for end-of-life equipment | Scrapped or disposed of by Hilditch or supplier of the new kit. |
| 1. The process by which the hospital decides that an equipment has reached its end of life | Service reports from contractors and field service notifications informing the trust of obsolescence of the asset. |
| 1. Which companies the hospital works with in order to dispose of / sell off / repurpose… medical equipment | Hilditch |
| 1. The past data which the hospital has on where equipment has gone | Retained on the Trusts medical equipment database  Please note TRFT is not able to provide this information as it is commercially sensitive.  Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:  **“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)”.** |
| 1. The data on which medical equipment that the hospital has which is about to reach its end of life | Please note TRFT is not able to provide this information as it is commercially sensitive.  Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:  **“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)”.** |
| 1. The data on which medical equipment the hospital currently has, when it was sourced and where it was sourced from, at what price | Please note TRFT is not able to provide this information as it is commercially sensitive.  Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:  **“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)”.** |