

19th June 2025

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 16th June 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

In the last year, how many flexible endoscopes required emergency out of hours cleaning?

120 scopes

Are endoscopes reprocessed within the hospital or outsourced to a separate decontamination facility?

Onsite reprocessing at MKUH

If reprocessing is outsourced, which facility is used?

N/A

How often and at which times of the day, are endoscopes collected and returned to the unit from the external reprocessing unit?

N/A reprocessing in house in real time

How are endoscopes transported between the hospital and external reprocessing unit?

N/A

Are there on call decontamination staff?

Yes

How is the time elapsed between completing pre-cleaning and starting the manual clean/AER quantified and recorded?

Using an electronic traceability system

Do you have a delayed reprocessing protocol in place?

No, 24/7 on call

If so, is adherence to this protocol monitored and what system is used to monitor this?

HESA records scope scanned to patient and scope bedside clean, manual reprocessing etc etc each step of the process is recorded and cannot be altered.

Is the PlasmaTyphoon system used as your current endoscope transport system?

No

If no, please specify which system is currently used?

Surestore (Steris)

How much is spent per year on endoscope transportation systems?

N/A

Is the PlasmaTyphoon system used as your current endoscope track and trace system?

No

If no, please specify which system is currently used?

Health Edge (HESA)

How much is spent per year on endoscope track and trace systems?

Commercially sensitive

Would the endoscopy unit be happy to be contacted regarding trialling new endoscope infection prevention consumable products? If yes, please provide a contact name and details.

No thank you.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Administrator
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