

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Thursday 14th November 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

SECTION 1: Hospital Demographics

1. Please indicate your trust/hospital type and type of care:

a. Trust/Hospital Type:

Acute x

Mental Health

Community

Ambulance

Other (please specify)

b. Type of Care:

Secondary x

Tertiary

Other (please specify)

2. Total Number of Beds: Please indicate the total number of inpatient beds in your hospital, including all types (e.g., general, ICU, maternity) if applicable.

610

3. ICU/ITU Bed Count: How many beds are designated for intensive or high-dependency care?

10 physical beds and we are funded for 7 Level 3 beds or equivalent

4. Annual Admissions: Please provide the total number of patient admissions in the last calendar year. If exact figures are unavailable, please provide your best estimate.

SECTION 2: Procurement and Inventory Management

1. Formal Procurement Policies: Does your hospital have formal policies or guidelines for medical equipment procurement?

YES

Yes (please provide a copy or summary)

Medical Device/Equipment management policy- attached

No x

2. Designated Procurement Roles: Is there a designated individual or team responsible for managing the procurement of medical equipment? If yes, please provide the role(s) and a brief description of responsibilities.

Yes – Individual

Yes – Team x

No

3. Inventory Review Frequency: How often is your medical equipment inventory reviewed for excess or unused items?

Monthly by Clinical engineering x

Quarterly

Biannually

Annually

Other (please specify)

4. Primary Sources for Procurement: What are the primary sources for your medical equipment procurement? Please indicate the proportion sourced from the NHS supply chain versus individual suppliers, and provide any additional details as applicable.

NHSSC in the first instance then other available Frameworks

SECTION 3: Waste and Disposal

Excess/Expired Equipment: What percentage of your medical equipment inventory was classified as excess, unused, or expired in the last 12 months? Please provide a breakdown by equipment type, if available.

Approx. 7% of total asset

Disposal Responsibility: Is there a specific role or department responsible for overseeing the disposal of medical equipment? If yes, please provide the role(s) and responsibilities.

Yes – Individual

Yes – Department- Clinical engineering working with the Trust’s Medical Equipment Manager - attached

No

3. Formal Disposal Policy: Does your hospital have a formal policy for the disposal of medical equipment?

Yes (please provide a copy or summary of any policies)

Medical Devices/Equipment Management Policy - attached

No

Types of Commonly Disposed Equipment: Please specify the types of medical equipment most commonly disposed of due to expiry or non-use. Include examples and approximate percentages for each type, if possible.

Variety of medical equipment as below. Unable to provide percentages.

Surgical instruments

Diagnostic devices

Monitoring equipment

Imaging equipment

Other (please specify)

SECTION 4: Sustainability and Environmental Impact

1. Sustainability Initiatives: Does your hospital have a sustainability initiative for recycling, reuse, or redistribution of excess or unused medical equipment?

Medical Auction

Yes (please provide details)

No

2. Disposal of Excess or Expired Equipment: How does your hospital manage the disposal of excess, expired, or damaged equipment? Please provide a breakdown by

disposal method and indicate the approximate amount (in tonnes) used per year for each method. (Note: this information is for the year 2023)

a. Recycling

Single use metal instruments are recycled now. If any WEEE items, these are deposited in the waste yard these are taken off site, dismantled and recycled accordingly. Medical fridges are de-gassed and dismantled too for recycling. Pathology ovens the same though no de-gassing, crutches metal recycling

b. Donation

c. General waste

Energy From Waste recycling.

d. Other (please specify)- as per WEEE guidelines

SECTION 5: Policies and Compliance

Compliance with Disposal Guidelines: How does your hospital ensure compliance with national or NHS guidelines on the disposal and management of medical equipment?

Internal audits x

External audits x

Regular staff training- providing advice to staff on disposal procedure x

Other (please specify)

- Clinical Engineering and Medical Equipment Library - Asset Management Database for medical equipment - commissioning process for new and found items
- Clinical Engineering PPM visits - All medical equipment are on a PPM schedule on the current Asset management database and all PPM jobs have been automatically created for those assets
- Clinical Engineering - Audit after PPM visits
- Clinical Engineering PPM escalation process – any assets unlocated after 2 years to be made inactive
- Medical Equipment Library – asset check process of loan ins/outs
- The MVS contract pricing update at the end of each year - additions and deletions
- KPI reports - report on commissioned, disposed of and found items
- Disposal process - sign off by the Trust's Authorising officer
- RFID tracking - locating medical equipment assets

Internal Audits of Equipment Management: Has your hospital conducted internal audits within the last 12 months to assess the management of excess medical equipment?

Yes (**If yes**, please indicate the frequency of audits and any key findings, if available)-

As per the above process

No

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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