

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-470**

Date 7 September 2017



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

- 1) **Please state the different hard surface cleaning products in use across the trust in the last year. If possible please split this across each hospital in the trust. What is the total cost of each of these products for the most recent financial year?**

We are unable to provide the breakdown in level of detail requested as this is commercially sensitive information. **Section 43** of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore; we are withholding this information at this time.

We are however able to provide the total cost hard surface cleaning products, broken down between each hospital in the Trust. Please see table below.

Hospital	Total Cost
Bristol Royal Infirmary	£21,568.31
Bristol Eye Hospital	£2,649.60
Central Health Clinic	£1,492.30
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children	£10,753.13
Bristol Dental Hospital	£1,840.00
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre	£4,438.24
St Michaels	£4,989.08
Grand Total	£47,730.66

- 2) For the above list please state the number of units purchased for each product. Please also state the unit volume of each product e.g. 100mL, 1L, 5L etc. Where possible, please state if the product requires dilution or is ready to use.

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We are however able to provide the total number of units purchased for each product, broken down between each hospital in the Trust. Please see table below.

Hospital	No. of Units
Bristol Royal Infirmary	1410
Bristol Eye Hospital	144
Central Health Clinic	88
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children	627
Bristol Dental Hospital	100
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre	267
St Michaels	312
Total	2948

- 3) Please provide details of the product name and company, total contract value and expiration date of any contract relating to the previous questions.

Company Name	Sealed Air (formerly Diversey)
Length of Contract	3 years
Total Contract Value	£118,000
Expiration Date	February 2020

- 4) What proportion of your hard surface cleaning spend was through the NHS supply chain in the last financial year?

All of the Trust's hard surface cleaning spend was through the NHS supply chain.

- 5) Please provide details of the hard surface cleaning protocols for different patient environments, and the products used. For example, the cleaning protocols for a standard clean, cleaning protocols after a contact precaution patient and other scenarios. Please note the different frequencies with which these occur.

For all hard surfaces cleaning in ward areas and clinics we use a chlorine disinfectant, within non-clinical areas we use a concentrated cleaner.

6) Are there any additional surface disinfection technologies used within the hospital not mentioned in previous answers? For example UV or HPV disinfection. When are these used.

Hydrogen Peroxide Gas

Public Interest Test

When assessing whether or not it was in the public interest to disclose the information to you, we took into account the following factors:

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure

There is a public interest in disclosing information to facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly.

There is also a public interest in ensuring that this is competition for public sector contracts.

Public interest considerations favouring withholding the information

Against disclosure is that the release of the requested information is commercially sensitive in that disclosing this information would reduce the number of companies willing to do business with the public sector, leading to reduced competition and increased costs.

Against disclosure is the public interest is the potential that by releasing the requested information would or would prejudice someone's commercial interests i.e. damage a company's reputation or the confidence that customers, suppliers or investors may have in a company.

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, I have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

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,

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