

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-580**

Date 11 January 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

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

- 1) I would like to know what the trust currently uses to seal clinical waste bags and the annual quantity purchased (as well as the annual cost to the Trust if possible)?**

The Trust utilises printed black plastic cable ties. The Trust ordered 497 packs of 1000 cable ties (£9567.25) between April 2016 & March 2017.

- 2) I would also like to know where the trust purchases these products from, i.e. is it direct from a supplier or from the NHS Supply Chain?**

The Trust purchases these products directly from the supplier.

- 3) Who is responsible for purchasing this product?**

The Facilities Hotel Services Managers at each Hospital site are responsible for purchasing this product.

- 4) How does the trust provide an audit trail for their clinical waste?**

Please be advised clinical waste is audited on a yearly basis by external auditors and internal auditors.

- 5) Does the Trust use security seals for any other purpose, and if so what is used, how many are purchased a year, and from where? E.g. 10,000 p/a for sealing drugs pouches, from the Supply Chain for use in the Pharmacy.**

We are unable to confirm whether the Trust uses security seals for any other purpose. The Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this

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
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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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