

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-446

31 July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. Current medical equipment contracts – pressure area care.

Pressure area care device	Number used in trust per year	Company device acquired from	Type of contract company is operating under	Date contract began	Length of contract	Expense on these devices per year	Method of acquisition
Standard Care Mattresses	75 (purchased)	Invacare	None	Ad hoc as required	N/A	£15,000	Direct purchase through NHSSC
Dynamic Mattress and Cushion rental Service	NA	Linet	Framework agreement	May-14	4 year initially, last two years direct award	£250,000 ex vat approximate, variable by demand	Direct purchase through NHSSC

h) What is the overall expenditure on pressure area care devices in your region per year?

The Trust does not have information about the overall expenditure on pressure area care devices per year. The Trust can only answer for the contracts it manages.

i) Does your trust have a preference for a company offering all pressure area care devices providing all of the components of 1a) (e.g. pressure relieving mattress, pressure relieving cushions etc.) or do you instead opt for a collection of different companies each providing one (or more) of the aforementioned devices in 1a) (e.g. separate pressure relieving cushions, pressure relieving mattresses etc).

The Trust's suppliers are shown in the table above.

2. Procurement methods.

a. Which procurement method do you use (e.g. restricted/single source/open tendering/ any quality provider etc.) to identify which supplier will deliver pressure area care devices.

NHSSC framework for Pressure Area Care.

b. Please detail the procurement method procedure once a pressure area care device contract has ended (e.g. do you typically offer contracts with the same supplier or do you reopen the tendering process to all potential suppliers/specific suppliers).

Benchmark against framework.

c. How often do you invite suppliers to tender for pressure area care devices?

At the end of any agreement.

d. Please detail the number of providers which tendered for a pressure area care device contract each time you invited providers to tender for contracts.

N/A, the Trust is about to go to framework.

e. Detail the criteria by which you assess a supplier that is tendering for a pressure area care device contract and please rank these criteria in terms of the weighting given to each component.

Based on framework methodology.

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
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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

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Yours sincerely

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