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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to sterilisation units.

1. Is the current sterilisation unit for sterilisation of surgical instruments and implants used by the trust an in-house facility or do you currently pay a privately owned sterilisation unit to sterilise the trusts surgical equipment?

The Trust uses a privately owned sterilisation unit.

2. What is the cost to the trust for sterilisation per surgical tray?

The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

3. Is this cost dependent on number of instruments per tray and what is the costing per banding for each quantity of instruments per tray?

The cost is dependent on the number of instruments per tray these are banded as follows

- Supplementary item single wrap
- Supplementary item double wrap
- Manual wash item
- Up to 10 instruments
- 11-20 instruments
- 21-30 instruments
- 31-40 instruments
- 41-50 instruments
- 51-60 instruments
- 61-70 instruments

71 or more instruments

The costing per banding is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).