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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 Sterile Services.

Please can you obtain the attached information regarding sterile service costs? The preferred response is to complete the attached template.

Please see the following table:

Question	*Answer*
Name of your Trust	Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
Number of hospitals you provide sterile services to	2 sites receive sterile services from off site provider
Number of instruments processed each year?	combined figure below not able to break down
Number of trays processed each year?	approx. 115843.00 trays for the year
What is the sterilisation cost (in £'s) per instrument? Please provide breakdown if dependent upon tray size	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).
Which specialty has the highest instrument sterilisation requirement?	Orthopaedics
Are your sterile services, on site or off site?	off site
Are you sterile services in house or out sourced?	out sourced
What is the isolated cost of sterilising loan trays/instruments in 2015?	cost is the same as normal trays
If in house	
total annual cost 2015 excluding staff	Not applicable
total annual cost 2015 including staff	Not applicable
Number of staff?	Not applicable
Total number of hours over-time paid 2015?	Not applicable

If off site	
What is the distance to the off site?	approximately 4miles & 16 miles respectively
What is the carriage cost incurred? Please provide breakdown if needed.	none
If outsourced	
What is the total annual cost to fast track instrument trays?	fast track not routinely used £315.00 for year