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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 Soft surface coverings.

For the purposes of this FOI, we define soft surfaces as fabric coverings on chairs, sofas, or any other fabric covered item. If unsure of our definition, please seek clarification before replying to the questions below.

- 1. Please state the different soft surface cleaning products (such as fabric sprays) 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.*
- 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, and if the product comes in a spray bottle.*
- 3. Please provide details of the product name and company, total contract value and expiration date of any contract relating to the previous questions.*
- 4. What proportion of your hard surface cleaning spend was through the NHS supply chain in the last financial year?*
- 5. Please provide details of the soft 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.*
- 6. Please provide details of the deep clean protocol, including the soft surface cleaning products or technologies utilised.*
- 7. Are there any additional soft surface disinfection technologies used within the hospital not mentioned in previous answers?*
- 8. Have any fabric sprays been used or trialed as a method of disinfecting soft surfaces? Please state the IPC's position on such a trial.*

1. The department does not purchase any soft surface cleaning products.
2. Not applicable
3. Not applicable
4. No hard surface cleaning product was provided by the NHS supply chain.

5. In patient areas, there are no soft surfaces. All possible soft surfaces are made of washable vinyl or plastic
6. All possible soft surfaces are made of washable vinyl or plastic. If soft surfaces exist, this would be in some offices.
7. If soft surfaces exist, they would be steam cleaned only. This includes carpet cleaning.
8. For Infection Prevention Control purposes, most or all soft surfaces have been removed