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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 services.

*1, Is the core instrument sterilisation service*

- A) *Run in house*
- B) *Onsite*
- C) *Out sourced to a separate trust*
- D) *Outsourced to a private company*

*2, How many instruments have been processed by the sterile services facility mentioned in question one.*

- A) *In 2014 (or that financial year)*
- B) *In 2015 (or that financial year)*
- C) *How many surgical instruments are anticipated to require sterilising in 2016?*

*3, How much has the trust spent annually on sterilising surgical instruments for the following years?*

- A) *Financial year 2013/14*
- B) *Financial year 2014/15*
- C) *How much has been budgeted or anticipated to be spent for the Financial year 2015/2016*

*4, How many staff are employed by the sterile service facility mention in question on, for the purposes of instrument sterilisation only, (i.e. exclude porters)*

- A) *Management/admin*
- B) *Team Leaders, supervisors, technicians*

*5, Does the trust provide decontamination and sterilisation services for re-usable surgical instruments to other customers who are not part of the trust? If so who?*

6, *In relation to surgical cancellations due to sterilisation failures.*

A) *How many operations were cancelled in 2014 due to issues with sterilisation of the equipment?*

B) *How many operations have been cancelled in 2015 due to issues with sterilisation of the equipment?*

7, *What where the costs associated with these cancellations*

A) *2014*

B) *2015*

8, *Of the instruments sterilised, approximately how many would be from dental/oral departments?*

A) *In 2014 (or that financial year)*

B) *In 2015 (or that financial year)*

9, *What Would the costs be for these instruments to dental/oral departments (Please state if approximate costs or not)*

A) *In 2014 (or that financial year)*

B) *In 2015 (or that financial year)*

10, *Does the trust use single use instruments?*

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C) *Out sourced to a separate trust*

2,

A) *127'603.00*

B) *123'594.00*

C) *Similar number to 2015*

3,

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).

4,

A) *External company therefore total numbers not known*

B) *External Company the total number not known*

5,

NO

6,

A) *Zero cancellations for sterilisation issues in 2014*

B) *Two cancellations for sterilisation issues in 2015*

7,

A) *Zero*

B) Cost not known, however financial penalty to the company recuperates some of this cost.

8,

A) Dental not part of the trust work

B) Dental not part of the trust work

9,

A) As above

B) As above

10, Yes