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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 effective decontamination.

*For each of your hospitals separately, please could you provide me with?*

*1. How many bed days were lost in financial year 2016/17 whilst undertaking effective decontamination (Hydrogen Peroxide vaporising/fogging/UV): -*

- a) Following discharge/transfer of patient/s with known/suspected infections e.g. Cdiff/ Multi drug infections (i.e. proactive)*
- b) Following an outbreak of infection*

*2. a. Make and number of hydrogen peroxide vaporising fogging machines currently in use*

*b. Make and number of ultraviolet machines currently in use*

*c. Make and number of "other" (please state) types of decontamination machines currently in use*

*3 Is decontamination undertaken internally or through a managed service? If a managed service, please state which company.*

*4. If applicable, please specify the length of down time post room decontamination following hydrogen peroxide vaporising fogging for:*

- a. single side rooms*
- b. 4 bedded rooms.*

1.

a. 0

b. 0

2. Maidstone Hospital:

3 fogging machines - Oxypharm

7 steamers consisting of:

5 duplex janitorial systems

1 osprey system

1 matrix system  
2 UV light – Hygiene Solutions

Tunbridge Wells Hospital:

3 fogging machines – Oxypharm  
3 UV Light – Hygiene Solutions  
6 Steamers – Matrix

3. Decontamination is undertaken internally.

4. Length of Downtime following use:

- a. single room approx. 2.5 to 3 hours
- b. 4 Bedded Bay, only used during deep cleaning of a ward when empty.