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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 Macerators.

You asked:

- 1. Which brand of macerators do you have in your facility?*
- 2. Is there a reason why you have chosen this brand?*
- 3. What is the water and energy consumption per cycle?*
- 4. How many macerators do you have in your facility?*
- 5. How many bedpans are used per day?*
- 6. How much is your annual spent on pulp material?*
- 7. What was the cost of the macerator?*
- 8. What sustainability criteria do you consider when choosing a medical device? (energy consumption, CO2 footprint, sustainable material, local suppliers)*
- 9. What are your aims and objectives in reducing your carbon footprint when selecting a medical device?*

Trust response:

- Vernacare – Vortex models
- Commercial testing several years ago. Machines now standardised.
- This information can be obtained directly from Vernacare (Vortex machine)
- Maidstone Hospital – 24 machines. Tunbridge Wells Hospital - around 35 units in operation.
- This information is an approximate figure of 647 per day across both sites
- £38,291
- Section 43 Exemption.
- Medical Devices selection is primarily on fitness for our intended purpose against a detailed User Requirements Document.

This includes standardisation Trust wide of common devices and where practicable the use of re-useable accessories and their re-processing requirements.

9. A reduced carbon footprint is delivered through standardisation, longevity and the ability to support in-house engineering teams.