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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Please answer the below questions separately for each hospital that falls under the remit of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, and provide the information in the form of a pdf attached to the reply email.

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.

- 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 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.

The Domestic Services Department at the Trust do not use soft fabric sprays, due to the organisation not having upholstered furniture.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Foster Chief Executive

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