



Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 12th March 2025

Response Due: 9th April 2025

Date: 1st April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th March 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would like to request some information on the smoke evacuation pencils used in operating theatres within Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust please.

Specifically:

1. Name of Hospital

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Manufacturer and model of smoke evacuation pencil(s) currently in use

The Trust is using Conmed PLP2520 and PLPUL2520 but will be standardised with Stryker using FDJ1954 and FDJ85008 as the Conmed contract has ended.

3. Total number of smoke evacuation pencils used per annum

5,740 units per annum.

4. Length of supplier contract (if applicable)

The Trusts contract with Conmed expired on 25/07/2024. The new contract with Stryker will be for 4 years.

5. Are these smoke evacuation pencils procured through the NHS Supply Chain framework or are they ordered directly from the supplier?

NHS Supply Chain framework.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gardner', on a light-colored background.

Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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