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Date: 31st July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 9th July 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:

Please find all relevant questions in the attached document or imbedded at the bottom of this email.

Please see the below responses.

Operating Theatres	
Question	Response
Q1a	<p>How many operating theatres does your Trust currently operate?</p> <p>25 theatres plus other SVHP facilities as listed.</p>
Q1b	<p>Of your current operating theatres, how many are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General theatres (multi-specialty) - Laminar flow theatres (orthopaedic / ultra-clean) - Endoscopy procedure rooms - Specialist theatres (e.g. cardiac, neuro, obstetric, etc.) <p>Please insert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General theatres: Conventional = 6, including 1 maternity. - Laminar flow theatres: Ultra Clean Ventilation ("laminar flow") = 19. - Endoscopy procedure rooms: 8. - Specialist theatres: 2 cardiac catheter laboratories.

Q1c	How many operating theatres (if any) are currently: - Non-operational or temporarily closed - Operating at reduced capacity due to maintenance, equipment issues, or staffing constraints.	<i>Please insert:</i> - <i>Non-operational or temporarily closed:</i> - <i>Operating at reduced capacity:</i> All theatres are currently available for operational use.
Q1d	Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's operating theatres that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.	<i>Please insert:</i> - <i>Before 2000:</i> = 4. - <i>2000–2009:</i> = 10. - <i>2010–2019:</i> = 6. - <i>2020–present:</i> = 5.
Endoscope Decontamination Units		
Q2a	How many endoscope decontamination units (EDUs) are operated within the Trust?	2.
Q2b	Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's EDUs that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.	<i>Please insert:</i> - <i>Before 2000:</i> = 0. - <i>2000–2009:</i> = 0. - <i>2010–2019:</i> = 2. - <i>2020–present:</i> = 0.
Central Sterile Services Department		
Q3a	Does your Trust operate an in-house Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD/SSD)? If no, please state which third-party provider or external Trust you contract for sterile processing.	Yes. This is an off-site facility jointly owned by WWL and NCA (SRFT) which is managed by WWL and provides a service to both organisations.
Q3b	When was the last major capital investment, refurbishment or rebuild of the main CSSD facility in your Trust?	2022 – 2024.
Clean Room / Lab Space		
Q4a	Which of the following cleanroom-capable facilities are currently operated within your Trust?	<i>Please select all that apply:</i> - <i>Pharmacy aseptic manufacturing unit</i> - <i>Oncology/haematology cytotoxic reconstitution suite</i> - <i>Radiopharmacy</i> - <i>Pathology or microbiology cleanroom</i> - <i>IVF or reproductive medicine cleanroom</i> - <i>Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product (ATMP) or cell and gene therapy suite</i> - <i>Medical device/implant clean area</i> - <i>Clinical research or clinical trials cleanroom space</i> IVF or reproductive medicine cleanroom.

Q4b	Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's cleanroom-capable facilities that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.	Please insert: - Before 2000: = 0. - 2000–2009: = 0. - 2010–2019: = 1. - 2020–present: = 0.
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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,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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