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Date: 26th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30th July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. How many Operating Theatres do you have?**
25.
- 2. How many procedures were undertaken in Theatres during 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025?**
21,549.
- 3. What stock software systems are used for the management of Implants & Consumables?**
Consumables = none.
Implants = One Company.
- 4. Is the stock management software integrated into any theatres procedure software systems?**
No.
- 5. Can you describe how inventory stock management is managed, and stock items are re-ordered? Is this a manual paper-based task (such as I plant stickers on a form and reordered manually or IT based where scanning is used to ensure stock is reordered to consignment levels?**
Consumables = the Trust currently uses a manual spreadsheet and counts on a weekly basis, then orders to a specified stock level.
Implants = stock is managed with manual counts against consignments levels; this is done 6-12 monthly. Implants are reordered using a paper-based system of stickers on a form in theatre, then re-ordered by the stock team. The Trust have a software system for one company's implants; we scan

implants in as they arrive and then scan the stickers from the paper form when used. The system does not reorder the item; it is more of a stock level management system.

- 6. Relating to stock management for your organising how is this managed- dedicated in-house team looking after ordering and deliveries, outsourced, by the theatre team or by hospital stores or offsite? If mixture, please briefly summarise specific roles and responsibilities**
Hospital stores are responsible for the processing and delivery of orders into the Trust.
- 7. Could staffing structure be provided for different stock management teams –Theatre Stock Management team, Hospital Stores, or any other stock teams within organisation?**
Facilities Manager --- Hotel Services Manager --- Deputy Hotel Services Manager --- Team Leader --- Stores persons.
- 8. In relation to question 6 could the post titles, banding and FTE related to posts for stock management personnel be specified?**
Team Leader - Band 3 - 1 x 0.73 FTE.
Storespersons - Band 2 - 1 x 1.00 FTE.
5 x 0.80 FTE.
- 9. Could the job descriptions be supplied for each post identified in questions 6 & 7?**
The Trust is only able to provide a job description for the Storespersons role. Stores was originally set up temporary during Covid therefore these roles have changed, and the job descriptions have not been updated. Please see the attached.
- 10. What are the operational days / hours for teams identified in question 6 & 7?**
Hospital Stores operate 08:00 – 16:00, Monday to Friday.

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,



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