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Date: 30th August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2nd August 2024, 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:

1) Variously known as decontamination units, CSSDs, HSDUs, SDUs, SSDs, SSDUs, SPDs, and/or SPU, does your Trust have an in-house sterile services facility / department?

Yes, the Trust has a decontamination unit.

If yes, please support with the following:

2) What instrument tracking system does the sterile service use?

Getinge IMS.

3) What accreditation, if any, does the facility hold?

ISO 13485: 2016 Accreditation.

4) Does the facility process / resupply single "supplementary items or devices" to customers/clinical users?

Yes.

5) If the facility supports/handles/supplies supplementary items, how is it defining them?

Medical devices that are owned/supplied by the customers are singularly wrapped, sterilised and returned directly to them.

6) Looking at the following options, which of the following methods are used by sterile services for the individual tracking and traceability of supplementary / single surgical instruments?

- a. 1D / traditional barcode on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user
- b. 2D / QR-style barcode on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user
- c. Coloured instrument tape applied to the device to indicate the owner / destination
- d. KeyDot or similar system which sticks a QR-like code on to the device
- e. Laser Marking of the device, with a 2D/ QR-style code
- f. Laser Marking of the device, with a 1D / traditional barcode
- g. Laser Marking with a name, number or other human-readable text
- h. Other (please specify)

2D / QR-style barcode on a traceability tag label, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user” and Coloured instrument tape applied to the device to indicate the owner / destination.

7) Does the instrument tracking system fully-integrate with their chosen single-instrument tracking approach, or does it require third-party software, hardware or other systems to function?

No third-party software is required.

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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