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Response Due: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 29<sup>th</sup> January 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. Do(es) your hospital(s) have a solution to eliminate pathogens from the air?**

No

**1.1 In which departments? N/A**

**1.2 In which rooms? N/A**

**1.3 What technology(ies) are in use?: N/A**

**1.3.1.1 Air circulation with Ultra Violet (UV) N/A**

**1.3.1.2 Air Circulation with Air Filter N/A**

**1.3.1.3 Air Circulation with Air Filter and UV N/A**

**1.3.1.4 HVAC with UV N/A**

**1.3.1.5 HVAC without UV N/A**

**1.4 Other (Which technology?) N/A**

**2. Do(es) your hospital(s) have a solution to eliminate pathogens from the surfaces?**

Yes

**2.1 In which departments?**

In all Clinical departments the Trust uses a 1000ppm chlorine solution for Infected cleans, for Terminal Infected cleans this is followed by an HPV process.

**2.2 In which rooms?**

Clinical side rooms and patient bays where applicable

**2.3 What technology(ies) are in use to kill pathogens?**

- 2.3.1.1 UV No
- 2.3.1.1.1 What wavelength? N/A
- 2.3.1.1.2 In which areas of the hospital? N/A
  
- 2.3.1.2 Antimicrobial coating No
- 2.3.1.2.1 Which coating materials? N/A
- 2.3.1.2.2 In which areas of the hospital? N/A
  
- 2.3.1.3 Antimicrobial cleaning products No
- 2.3.1.3.1 Which chemicals? N/A
- 2.3.1.3.2 In which areas of the hospital? N/A
  
- 2.3.1.4 Antimicrobial materials No
- 2.3.1.4.1 Which materials N/A
- 2.3.1.4.2 In which areas of the hospital? N/A
  
- 2.3.1.5 HVAC with UV N/A
- 2.3.1.6 HVAC without UV N/A
- 2.4 Other (Which technology?) N/A

**3. What are the three most important areas to have a solution to kill pathogens from the air?**  
N/A

**4. What are the three most important areas to have a solution to kill pathogens from the surfaces?**  
N/A

**5. Which department(s) / professional(s) make(s) the procurement decisions regarding solutions to kill pathogens from the air?**

- 5.1 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Yes
- 5.2 Facilities Management No
- 5.3 Other (which?) No

**6. Which department(s) / professional(s) make(s) the procurement decisions regarding solutions to kill pathogens from the surfaces?**

- 6.1 Infection Prevention and Control Yes
- 6.2 Facilities Management No
- 6.3 Other (which?) No

**7. Do you have an Infection Prevention and Control department or is(are) designated members of staff managing it?**  
Infection Prevention Control Team

**8. Are you planning to purchase a solution to kill pathogens from the air on the next**

- 12 months? No
- 24 months? No

9. **Are you planning to purchase a solution to kill pathogens from the surfaces on the next**
- **12 months? No**
  - **24 months? No**

10. **Are you planning to purchase a solution to improve clinician hand hygiene on the next**
- **12 months? No**
  - **24 months? No**

11. **What are your Infection Prevention and control targets for the next five years (Ex.: reduce number of Hospital Acquired Infections reductions by x% (n), increase clinicians hands hygiene rate by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the air in patient areas by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the air in public areas by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the surfaces in patient areas by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the surfaces in public areas by x%...)**

To seek reduction in HCAI, as aligned with National Guidance. To continuously seek improvement and to sustain hand hygiene compliance.

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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