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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

The requested information is for years 2012/13-2017/18 on the following questions:

1. Is decontamination/sterilization handled in-house or outsourced?

In House as part of a joint venture

2. What is the total number of trays process on a daily/monthly/yearly basis?

Approximately 20,000 items per month

3. How much does it cost to process and deliver trays?

We do not do a cost per tray and due to the differing tray types and complexities it would be difficult to come up with a cost.

4. How much time is taken fully process one tray?

The size of the tray can impact on the time taken to process a tray through the system it can be between 5 hours to 18 hours

5. How many times a days are surgical trays collected and processed?

There are approximately 30 collections per day

6. How many individual instruments are cleaned?

We do not record this information

7. How many times can an individual instrument be reused?

Unless the instruments have a limited life defined by the manufacturer then they are used until they become unfit for purpose

8. What are the different surgical tray dimensions?

There are a huge number of different tray sizes dependent on the number of instruments

9. What is the cost of the surgical equipment?

As the majority of the sets have been in circulation for a number of years we are unable to provide a definitive cost.

10. How much staff is required to process surgical trays?

There are circa 100 employees at SSDU

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Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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