

## **FOI 0122/2025 Response**

Dear FOI team,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

By medical devices we are referring to the MHRA definition, i.e. “a medical device is any apparatus, appliance, material or other article intended by the manufacturer to be used by human beings for a medical purpose.”

Medical devices can range from diagnostic equipment like X-ray machines and blood/urine collection tubes, surgical tools such as scalpels and needles, life-support devices like ventilators, infection control articles such as gowns, gloves and masks, wound care items such as plasters and gauze, to implants like pacemakers and intraocular lenses.

By consumables we are referring more broadly to single-use or disposable goods that require regular replacement in the Trust through provision of patient care. It should be noted that there is overlap between the two – e.g. syringes and masks would fall into both categories.

### **1. Current logistics and supply chain model**

- a. How much space (in sq ft) does your organisation currently use for inventory storage of medical devices and consumables (please indicate whether this is on-site or off-site)?

Off – site storage 515 sq ft .

Please note that we are unable to establish the onsite storage. This is because each team will have some storage space across the 50 sites and this is not centrally recorded.

- b. Does your organisation make use of consolidated logistics hubs or off-site storage facilities for medical devices and/or consumables?

Yes

- c. Is this done in partnership with other NHS organisations?

Yes

- i. If so, does your organisation run this or is it run by another organisation?

It is run by our organisation

- ii. If so, which organisation?

It is run by our organisation – BSMHFT.

- d. How much does your organisation spend on medical devices and consumables through NHS Supply Chain?

£185,220

- i. What is this spend as a proportion of your organisation's total spend on medical devices and consumables?

53%

## 2. Delivery and stock management

- a. What systems (if any) does your Trust use to manage inventory and logistics for medical devices and consumables?

Mixed of external and internal systems.

- b. Are these systems integrated with NHS Supply Chain or other regional or national systems?

No

## 3. Strategic priorities

- a. Is your Trust actively exploring or piloting any new logistics models, technologies, or partnerships to improve supply chain efficiency? If so, please give any details.

Yes, continuous improvement of logistics strategy and supply chain efficiency.

- b. Would your organisation be open to participating in a pilot of an alternative logistics model (i.e. one offering consolidated supply, enhanced stock visibility, and just-in-time delivery capabilities)?

- Please send further information to : [BSOLCategoryTeams@uhb.nhs.uk](mailto:BSOLCategoryTeams@uhb.nhs.uk)

## 4. Additional

- a. Who in your organisation is responsible for logistics and supply chain operations? Please provide name and contact details where possible.

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this query. This is because we do not release staff members personal information for those below a band 8c role.

The Trust therefore rely exemption Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

- b. Who in your organisation is responsible for procurement decision-making relating to medical technology and consumable supplies? Please provide name and contact details where possible.

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