

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

FOI 2519

SSD

- 1) How many surgical instruments and surgical instrument trays have been processed by the Trust's Sterile Services Department (SSD)?

| Instruments<br>volumes   | 2012/13<br>Alexandra | 2013/14<br>Alexandra | 2012/13<br>WRH | 2013/14<br>WRH |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| How many trays of instruments has the SSD processed during the following two NHS business years? | 53680                | 53416                | 32410          | 33916          |
| How many instruments has the SSD processed during the following two NHS business years?          | 47724                | 44427                | 72808          | 71994          |
| What is the average number of instruments per tray?  | 60                   | 60                   | 60             | 60             |

- 2) How many staff are employed in your SSD? (exclude those that are involved with flexible endoscope processing)

| Staff data                     | Number of FTE |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|
|                                | Alexandra     | WRH   |
| General Manager                | 1.00          |       |
| Assistant manager              | 1.00          |       |
| Production manager             |               |       |
| Sterile Service Assistants     | 17.96         | 11.00 |
| Team Leader / supervisor       | 3.68          | 3.21  |
| Administration                 | 0.95          | 0.67  |
| Maintenance / engineer         |               |       |
| External transport / logistics |               |       |
| Porter                         |               |       |
| Trainer                        |               |       |
| Quality                        |               |       |

Other

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**3) Under the Agenda for Change paygrades, what band are the Technicians identified above in?**

Sterile Service Assistants Band 2, Supervisors Band 3,

**4) How many washers and autoclaves do you have in your SSD? Please provide information by manufacturer and age**

| Equipment  | Alexandra |                |       | WRH    |                  |         |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-------|--------|------------------|---------|
|            | Number    | Manufacturer   | Age   | Number | Manufacturer     | Age     |
| Washers    | 4         | Hamo           | 12    | 4      | Dawmed / Belimed | 15<br>5 |
| Autoclaves | 4         | BMM / Gettinge | 12/15 | 3      | Gettinge         | 15      |

**5) Does the Trust's SSD process instruments for other customers, such as community services or other NHS/private service providers?**

**3rd Party work      Number of instruments processed on an annual basis**

|           | Alexandra |         |           |         | WRH       |         |           |         |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
|           | 2012/2013 |         | 2013/2014 |         | 2012/2013 |         | 2013/2014 |         |
|           | Trays     | Singles | Trays     | Singles | Trays     | Singles | Trays     | Singles |
| Community | 292       | 737     | 963       | 1869    | 2         | 568     | 0         | 527     |
| Other NHS |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |
| Private   |           |         |           |         |           |         |           |         |

**6) What are the opening hours of the SSD?**

**Opening hours**

Hours per day (for example 8:00am to 8:00pm)

|           | Alexandra                        | WRH                                 |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 6.00am to 10.00pm                | 7.00am to 8.00pm                    |
| Tuesday   | 6.00am to 10.00pm                | 7.00am to 8.00pm                    |
| Wednesday | 6.00am to 10.00pm                | 7.00am to 8.00pm                    |
| Thursday  | 6.00am to 10.00pm                | 7.00am to 8.00pm                    |
| Friday    | 6.00am to 10.00pm                | 7.00am to 8.00pm                    |
| Saturday  | 8 – 12 then Waiting List/On Call | 8 till 12 then Waiting List/On Call |
| Sunday    | Waiting List/On Call             | Waiting List/On Call                |

**7) Does the SSD use any instrument tracking technology and if so, what system is used?**

Fingerprint Tracker System

**8) Does the SSD have any cost improvement targets to achieve in 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?**

Yes, but not specified at this stage

**9) Which department in the Trust has main responsibility for the SSD?**

Facilities

**10) In relation to surgical cancellations due to sterilisation failures:** We are unable to answer this question as we do not collect this information.

**a. How many operations were cancelled in 2014 due to issues with the sterilisation of equipment?**

**b. What were the costs associated with these cancellations?**