

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-430**

4 August 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. Which supplier currently provides your surgical instrument decontamination chemicals for the Trust?**

Serchem

**2. With regards to surgical instrument decontamination in the Trust's Sterile Service Department (s), what percentage of instruments require rewashing?**

0.3%

**3. What is the cost of rewashing surgical instruments for the Trust in terms of time and resource?**

The cost of rewashing is incorporated into our total costs so there is no set price for a wash process.

**4. How often does contamination of surgical instruments interfere with or prevent a surgery from taking place?**

The percentage of operations being cancelled due to this reason is so minimal that it would not show as a percentage.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters

Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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