

Date: **27 June 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5258**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your request below:

Your Request

1. *What is the process by which suppliers of medical devices get in touch with the trust, how does the trust make decisions on which suppliers to choose and who is responsible for making such decisions?*
2. *What happens to the NHS equipment (including medical devices, vehicles, technology and office equipment) that becomes redundant, is not cost effective for repair or is in surplus and which department of the trust is responsible for making such decisions?*
3. *Does the trust have a vision or strategy in place to make the NHS “greener”?*

Our Request for Clarification:

Please can you clarify the following points?

- Could you please be more specific about the information you are requesting as your question is vague, e.g. is there any specific type of ‘green’ strategy you are interested in such as ‘Clean Air ‘.

Your Response to Our Request for Clarification

Could you disregard questions 3, I have obtained the information from elsewhere.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the ‘Trust’) is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. Please see our response to your request for information for questions 1 and 2 only:

1. *What is the process by which suppliers of medical devices get in touch with the trust, how does the trust make decisions on which suppliers to choose and who is responsible for making such decisions?*

The process for purchasing medical devices would come from NHS approved suppliers via the NHS Chain Supply at <https://www.supplychain.nhs.uk/> If large items need to be purchased then a full tender would be written.

2. *What happens to the NHS equipment (including medical devices, vehicles, technology and office equipment) that becomes redundant, is not cost effective for repair or is in surplus and which department of the trust is responsible for making such decisions?*

When equipment becomes redundant, for example, electrical/ EBME devices, it would be disposed and covered under WEEE regulations. The department owning the items would be responsible for making the decisions on whether equipment is redundant.

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held up to the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your request for information. If, however, you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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