

Date: **18 February 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5660**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Your Request

Swab management and disposal system in the operating theatres:

- 1. What swab disposal system and manufacturer is currently used in your hospital(s) etc. swabesafe sytem, bag system?*
- 2. How long have you been using your current swab disposal system?*
- 3. Are you currently or will be in near future considering switching to different swab disposal system?*
- 4. How many swab related incident (etc. unintentional retained swab) recorded in your hospital(s) over a three year period immediately before using your current swab disposal system?*
- 5. How many swab related incident (etc. unintentional retained swab) recorded in your hospital(s) over a three year period immediately after using your current swab disposal system?*
- 6. How many swab related incident (etc. unintentional retained swab) recorded in your hospital(s) from 01/01/2015 till 31/12/2019?*
- 7. How much is the cost of your current swab disposal system?*

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust does not have a swab disposal system. We cannot therefore respond to your request for information relating specifically to the swab disposal system.

Please note:

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

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this 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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Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
Great Ormond Street Hospital
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If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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