

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.1124
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Thank you for your email received 9 March 2022 requesting information regarding domestic services.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

1. What process/products do you use for disinfection/decontamination additional to a manual cleaning programme, for instance for a terminal clean or an outbreak?

The Trust has a manual cleaning process only.

2. Do you use Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour (HPV Fogging) or Ultraviolet (UVC) for decontamination?

No

3. What companies do you use and how many units do you have in operation for both HPV and UVC?

4. Is the equipment operated by NHS staff, or by an outsourced Contract Cleaning Company? If the latter, who is the contractor?

5. Were these systems purchased via a tender or mini competition?

6. Were these systems purchased through a framework agreement or direct sale?

7. Were these systems purchased outright, or via a lease rental package?

8. What were the costs of the systems when new?

9. Who is your current supplier and are you under contract?

10. What is the annual value of this contract, including consumables, extended warranties and maintenance agreements?

11. What is the start and end date of the contract?

12. Do you use a managed service in addition to your own operation?

Questions 3-12 are not applicable as we do not use Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour (HPV Fogging) or Ultraviolet (UVC) for decontamination.

13. Could you provide me with the contact details for the person/s responsible for the fields below?

- **Infection Prevention and Control**
- **Estates & Facilities / Domestic**
- **Procurement**

Chair John Goulston Acting Chief Executive Gordon Flack

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• **Housekeeping**

It is Trust policy to not release names and contact details of staff below Executive Director Level as this constitutes personal information which is exempt under Section 40(2) in conjunction with Section 40(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which relates to 'Personal Information'.

An excerpt of the relevant Freedom of Information legislation can be found below:

Section 40 – Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3a) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act

(a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or

(b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

However we can confirm that following Executive Directors have responsibility for the following areas:

Infection Prevention and Control Mercia Spare – Chief Nurse, mercia.spare@nhs.net
Estates & Facilities/Domestics and Housekeeping Natalie Davies – Corporate Services
Director, Natalie.davies1@nhs.net
Procurement Gill Jacobs – Acting Director of Finance, g.jacobs@nhs.net

They can all be contacted on the following telephone number 01622 211900.