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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 6171

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6171

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th February 2024.

Your request was as follows:

1. What are the costs/total spend on Surgical Instrument decontamination with the current provider for financial year 2022-23 and anticipated year end costs for 2023-24?

[Steris](#)

[22/23 - £446,823.00](#)

[Anticipated 23/24 - £533,606.00](#)

2. Who is the current provider and when does this contract end?

[Steris](#)

[31/01/2025](#)

3. Is there an opportunity to extend this current contract or is the Trust looking for alternative options.

[12 Month extension Available](#)

4. If No - what procurement strategy approach is the Trust undertaking in respect of this service in the immediate future to manage surgical Instrument Decontamination

[N/A](#)

5. Has the Trust considered insourcing - bring in back in house or collaboration with other NHS Trusts in the area, such as exploring and using spare capacity in neighbouring NHS SSD Facilities

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is not considering the above.](#)

6. Who is the Trust appointed Lead for Surgical Instrument Decontamination?

[Decontamination Lead/Instrument Manager](#)

7. Who is the Trust Board Executive for Instrument Decontamination?

[Chief Operating Officer](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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