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Freedom of Information request 013264 – Clinical waste

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request please. I would like to request the following:

1. I would like to know what the trust currently uses to seal clinical waste bags and the annual quantity purchased (as well as the annual cost to the Trust if possible)?

Brown Plastic tags are used to seal the clinical waste bags, there was 33,000 purchased in 2016

2. I would also like to know where the trust purchases these products from, i.e. is it direct from a supplier or from the NHS Supply Chain?

Purchased direct from supplier

3. Who is responsible for purchasing this product?

PFI Partner procure these

4. How does the trust provide an audit trail for their clinical waste?

PFI partner annotates the ward / department and date on the tags so that any non conformities can be traced back to area

5. Does the Trust use security seals for any other purpose, and if so what is used and how many are purchased a year? E.g. 10,000 p/a for sealing drugs pouches.

Pharmacy keeps 3 types of seals within the department and the annual usage is as follows;

Pharmacy ward medicine bag seals 1x1000 per box – 58 boxes PA

Chemotherapy Transport box seals 1x500 per box – 4 boxes PA

Pharmacy ward box seals 1x100 per box – 20 boxes PA

Approximately 4,500 other seals per annum are ordered by Sexual Health, General Office, Community Physio and OPD.

Please note:- All FM services are provided by our PFI Partner, Summit Healthcare. The Trust's contract with our PFI expires after 17th May 2041. The project term is for 40 years. The full range of services is paid by means of a single Unitary Payment which does not identify individual cost items.