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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013580 – Privacy curtain

Please answer the below questions separately for each hospital that falls under the remit of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, and provide the information in the form of an electronic copy.

1. What is the policy regarding the changing of a hospital privacy curtain in each NHS Hospital? How often are they changed on average per year? Is there any variation based on high or low risk areas/departments? For example: "Curtains are changed every 3, 4 or 6 months, or if visibly soiled or after a terminal clean, A&E curtains are changed more frequently at every two months. "

Trust standard is that curtains are changed on a 6 monthly schedule for changing or as necessary if visibly soiled or following discharge of a patient with a confirmed infection

2. Is the policy referenced in Q1 applied to all curtain types; Linen, disposable, disposable antimicrobial. Please specify any variation of policy based on curtain type.

The Trust standard is the same as IN Q1

3. What type (Linen, disposable, disposable antimicrobial) of privacy curtain is used, who is the producer/manufacture? If multiple curtain products are present please list these.

The curtains are from Berestons and are linen.

4. Does an external company provide curtain services to the trust (supply of curtains, curtains changing, fitting, laundering)? If so, please state the company name, services provided, and curtain contract end/review date.

The Curtains are provided as part of our PFI contract which runs to 2041

5. What is the annual cost to each hospital for linen and laundry services for the privacy curtains? If disposable curtains are used, what is total annual spend for these, for approximately how many curtains?

These costs are contained within the overall cost we pay and cannot be split down

6. How many privacy curtains are in use in each hospital within the trust? Please state compared to the number of beds for each hospital.

Under the terms of the contract our PFI provider has to ensure curtains are available at all times

7. What proportion of curtain spend per year is through the NHS supply chain? Please state values in GBP.

The PFI is not through the NHS Supply chain