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Date: 25/04/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

**Please could you provide answers to the following questions relating to sterile services.**

**Response**

| Questions  | Responses   |
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| 1. What framework are you associated with for sterile service agency supply?   | We do not use agency staff in HSDU  |
| 2. Who is responsible for agency usage on framework and off framework in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust? | N/A   |
| 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.  | Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operates a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract, the hospital buildings are not owned by the Trust but by Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd who the Trust has the PFI contract with. We are unable to provide the contact details for the sterile services as this is a service provided by our PFI Partners. |
| 4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2023 and March 2024 in Sterile Services?   | No  |
| 5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between March 2023 and March 2024?  | N/A   |
| 6. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?  | Mitie Group PLC   |

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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