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Subject: Sterile Services and Decontamination Unit

REQUEST & RESPONSE

My colleague has written to you before concerning the catering department and the information you have provided helped big time. I have now been given the task to do some research on how the Sterile Services and Decontamination Units in the biggest hospitals in the UK are organised and how their purchasing process works. Concerning this I have a few questions I would like to ask you:

1. How many theatres does your hospital have?

22

2. How is the Sterile Services and Decontamination Unit in your hospital organised?

- ~~Own Decontamination Unit~~
- ~~Own Decontamination Unit that also provides for other hospitals~~
- ~~Supplied by a Decontamination Unit from a different hospital~~

X Contracted out

3. From which manufacturer do you get your instruments?

- Getinge
- MMM
- Belimed

- o BHT
- o Steris
- o Dawned
- o Peacocks
- o Medisafe
- Others: _____

None of these manufacturers make instruments - they supply decontamination equipment. We get our decontamination equipment (Automatic Endoscope Washers) from Gettinge. We do get any Sterilisation equipment – that is an outsourced service.

4. What kind of transporting system do you use at your hospital?

- ~~o Open carts~~
- o Closed carts
- ~~o Cart in cart system (e.g. Känguruh-System)~~
- ~~o Others: _____~~

5. What size are the containers you use?

- ~~o ISO~~
- ~~o DIN~~
- ~~o SPRI~~
- o Others: ____ Multiple sizes, Bespoke to the Gettinge machines _____

6. How many containers are processed (cleaned, sterilized, etc.) in your hospital per year?

_____ 1 per scope so 32, 000/year

7. When it comes to your purchasing process in the decontamination sector, do you have a centralized system with a purchasing department or are the individual people allowed to make their orders themselves (up to a certain limit)?

- Centralized system
- ~~Decentralized system~~

8. Where do you get the information about the products you need from?

- Manufacturer
- ~~Dealer~~
- Purchasing department
- Internet
- Price list
- NHS Supplier List
- Others: _____

9. From whom do you buy your products in the end?

- Manufacturer
- Dealer
- Others: Depends on the circumstance – too vague a question to answer_____

10. Last but not least, who is the decision maker when it comes Decontamination and Sterile Services issues (as in buying new products, etc.)?

- ~~Sterile Services Manager~~
- ~~Theatre Manager~~

~~e—Head of Procurement~~

- o Other: ___Depends on the circumstance and value of the purchase.
Decontamination manager, their line manager and others as set out in the
Trust Standing Financial instructions_____

11. Is it possible to get the contact details for this person (as in first and surname, phone number and E-Mail address)?

No. Please contact Purchasing and Supplies via the Trust switchboard.