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Subject: Ureteroscopes Questions

REQUEST

I am currently doing research about ureteroscopes in the UK. Could you please answer the following questions regarding ureteroscopes in your Trust?

1. Please enter the number of hospitals under your Trust. 2
2. Please enter the bed size for each of the hospitals in your Trust
3. Ureteroscopes
 - A. Semi - Rigid Ureteroscopes (non – video)
 - i. How many semi - rigid ureteroscopes are installed per hospital in your trust?
 - ii. On average, what is the lifespan of these semi - rigid ureteroscopes?
 - iii. How many of the installed semi - rigid ureteroscopes were replaced last year / this year? 4 were replaced in the last year
 - iv. Which manufacturer's semi - rigid ureteroscopes are used in the hospitals?
 - B. Flexible Fibre Ureteroscopes (non – video)
 - i. How many flexible fibre ureteroscopes are installed per hospital in your trust?
 - ii. On average, what is the lifespan of these flexible fibre ureteroscopes?
 - iii. How many of the installed flexible fibre ureteroscopes were replaced last year / this year?
 - iv. Which manufacturer's flexible fibre ureteroscopes are used in the hospitals?
 - C. Flexible Video Ureteroscopes
 - i. How many flexible video ureteroscopes are installed per hospital in your trust?
 - ii. On average, what is the lifespan of these flexible video ureteroscopes?
 - iii. How many of the installed flexible video ureteroscopes were replaced last year / this year?
 - iv. Which manufacturer's flexible video ureteroscopes are used in the hospitals?

RESPONSE

1. Yes there are two hospitals at the Trust, Whiston Hospital and St Helens Hospital.
2. Whiston has 664 bed and St Helens has 27 beds.
3. We have 6 utreterosopes in the Trust.
4 were replaced last year.
Karl Storz is the manufacturer.
The scopes are down on the inventory as utreterosopes and they haven't been broken down in the different categories such as non-video, flexible etc.

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