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REQUEST

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of hospital privacy curtains at **St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust** and associated hospitals.

Please acknowledge receipt by replying to this email.

Please answer the below questions separately for each hospital that falls under the remit of St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust, and provide the information in the form of a pdf attached to the reply email.

For the purposes of this FOI, we define soft surfaces as fabric coverings on chairs, sofas, or any other fabric covered item. If unsure of our definition, please seek clarification before replying to the questions below.

1. Please state the different **soft** surface cleaning products (such as fabric sprays) in use across the trust in the last year. If possible please split this across each hospital in the trust. What is the total cost of each of these products for the most recent financial year.
2. For the above list please state the number of units purchased for each product. Please also state the unit volume of each product e.g. 100mL, 1L, 5L etc. Where possible, please state if the product requires dilution or is ready to use, and if the product comes in a spray bottle.
3. Please provide details of the product name and company, total contract value and expiration date of any contract relating to the previous questions.
4. What proportion of your hard surface cleaning spend was through the NHS supply chain in the last financial year?

5. Please provide details of the soft surface cleaning protocols for different patient environments, and the products used. For example the cleaning protocols for a standard clean, cleaning protocols after a contact precaution patient and other scenarios.
6. Please provide details of the deep clean protocol, including the soft surface cleaning products or technologies utilised.
7. Are there any additional soft surface disinfection technologies used within the hospital not mentioned in previous answers?
8. Have any fabric sprays been used or trialed as a method of disinfecting soft surfaces? Please state the IPC's position on such a trial.

RESPONSE

1. Products used across the trust July 2016 to June 2017

Both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals have used the product type listed below in the last 12 months

Carpet / upholstery cleaner

2. The quantity of each product is detailed below:

St Helens	Product type	Annual quantity in litres
	Carpet / upholstery cleaner	20

Whiston	Product type	annual quantity in litres
	Carpet / upholstery cleaner	44

3. The Trust outsources its cleaning to a private sector provider and there is no separate cost of consumables within that party's contract with the Trust. As such it is not possible to provide any detail other than the provider is currently contracted until June 2018

4. Zero (soft)

5. Our cleaning protocols for different soft surfaces don't vary according to the room usage.

6. The Trust presently practices a system using Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour also known as "Fogging" to enable deep cleaning to be carried out at both St Helens and Whiston Hospital.

7. No

8. N/A