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REQUEST & RESPONSE

The requested information is for years 2012/13-2017/18 on the following questions:

1. Is decontamination/sterilization handled in-house or outsourced?

Outsourced for the full period requested

2. What is the total number of trays process on a daily/monthly/yearly basis?

The organisation does not process any trays

3. How much does it cost to process and deliver trays?

Commercially sensitive

4. How much time is taken fully process one tray?

This varies considerably and depends on the number of instruments, the complexity of those instruments, the time they take to wash, and cool after sterilisation.

5. How many times a day are surgical trays collected and processed?

There are 8 collections from the Main hospital. Most trays are only processed once per day at most.

6. How many individual instruments are cleaned?

1.68Million approx

7. How many times can an individual instrument be reused?

It varies as prescribed by the manufacturer.

8. What are the different surgical tray dimensions?

There are many variations.

What is the cost of the surgical equipment?

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9. How much staff is required to process surgical trays?

See answer 1