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Introduction

You asked the questions below confirming the case was about washer disinfectors generally used in SDU and endoscopy, not general dishwashers for catering utensils etc.

1. How many washer-disinfectors are installed in your premises?

Five surgical Instrument washer disinfectors (WD's)

Six endoscope washer disinfectors (EWD's) (including one trial machine for the disinfection of TOE probes)

2. In which departments are these washer-infectors installed?

They are installed within the Sterilization and Disinfection Unit (SDU) at Derriford Hospital.

3. Do these washer-disinfectors disinfect thermally or by chemical use or both?

The Instrument WD's disinfect thermally.

The EWD's (including the trial machine) disinfect by chemical use.

4. Do these washer-disinfectors produce records for inspection purposes?

All the WD's and EWD's produce records for inspection purposes.

5. Are these washer-disinfectors maintained and serviced by your own staff or by outside sub-contractors?

The Instrument WD's are subject to first line maintenance by our in house staff, with more complex repairs being referred to outside sub- contractors. The sub contactors undertake periodic quarterly and annual testing.

6. Have you any plans to purchase/install any new washer-disinfectors within the next 12 months, and if so can you specify how many and an approximate date of purchase?

We may purchase EWD's however; this is subject to business case approval.

**7. What purchasing mechanism is preferred for washer disinfectors?
i.e: outright purchase or rental/lease arrangement?**

We would take the advice of our Capital Procurement team; however we would consider all options in order to achieve the most advantageous solution.

8. If you were to purchase a new washer-disinfector would it be from NHS Supply Chain or direct from the supplier?

We would evaluate available washer disinfectors in terms of performance, cycle and lifetime costs, and energy use.

Where possible, we would purchase from NHS Supply Chain.

9. Can you provide the names and contact details of the following personnel?

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