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You asked

**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?**

All environmental cleaning for Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is carried out by Serco, our Hotel Services Contractor, who carry out environmental cleaning processes according to the Trust's Decontamination Guidelines and Processes.

Environmental cleaning is carried out with a solution of general purpose detergent and water. If disinfection is required, this would be carried out with an hypochlorite solution at the recommended dilution rate.

This Trust has no requirement for specialist products for cleaning soft furnishings/surfaces since our infection control policy is to have coverings that can be easily cleaned and disinfected i.e hard floor coverings, vinyl chair coverings and disposable curtains which are disposed of when soiled and routinely changed according to the recommended frequency laid down in the National Specification for Cleanliness in the NHS.

- 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.**

Not applicable

- 3. Please provide details of the product name and company, total contract value and expiration date of any contract relating to the previous questions.**

Not applicable

**4. What proportion of your hard surface cleaning spends was through the NHS supply chain in the last financial year?**

It is not possible to extract this information. Serco purchase the majority of cleaning products through the extensive services they provide on-site and we do not have access to this level of detail. The trust purchases products for cleaning and disinfecting clinical equipment.

**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, and cleaning protocols after a contact precaution patient and other scenarios.**

See response to question 1.

**6. Please provide details of the deep clean protocol, including the soft surface cleaning products or technologies utilised.**

Deep Cleaning is carried out with the same products used for standard cleaning and disinfection i.e. solutions of detergent and water for cleaning, hypochlorite solution for disinfection.

In particular cases of infection, this trust also requires Serco to carry out room decontaminations using a Hydrogen Peroxide vapour treatment

**7. Are there any additional soft surface disinfection technologies used within the hospital not mentioned in previous answers?**

Not Applicable

**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.**

Not Applicable

**9. Please state the different hard surface cleaning products 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?**

See response to question 1

It is not possible to extract the financial information. Serco purchase the majority of environmental cleaning products as part of their contract to provide the hotel services on-site and we do not have access to this level of detail.

- 10. 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.**

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- 11. Please provide details of the product name and company, total contract value and expiration date of any contract relating to the previous questions.**

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- 12. What proportion of your hard surface cleaning spends were through the NHS supply chain in the last financial year?**

It is not possible to extract this information. Serco purchase the majority of environmental cleaning products as part of their contract to provide the hotel services on-site and we do not have access to this level of detail. The Trust purchases products for cleaning and disinfecting clinical equipment.

- 13. Please provide details of the hard 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. Please note the different frequencies with which these occur.**

See response to question 1.

All environmental cleaning is carried out with a solution of general purpose detergent and water at the frequency determined by risk category as laid down in the National Specification of Cleanliness for the NHS.

In the event of infection, environmental cleaning is enhanced and disinfection is carried out with the use of Actichlor Plus tablets (hypochlorite) in solution, diluted as per the Trust's Decontamination Guidelines and Processes

- 14. Are there any additional surface disinfection technologies used within the hospital not mentioned in previous answers? For example UV or HPV disinfection? When are these used?**

See response to question 6

**Attachments included:** No