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You asked

I would like to know (segmented by hospital):

1. The process which the hospital follows for end-of-life equipment

There is an annual review and risk based assessment of the medical device database to determine which devices are at or beyond their expected life and this is used to prioritise equipment replacement.

2. The process by which the hospital decides that an equipment has reached its end of life

The Trust records the planned life of a device for the purpose of value depreciation assessment and replacement planning, in the Trust's Financial asset register and the Medical Equipment database. This is used as part of the process above.

3. Which companies the hospital works with in order to dispose of / sell off / repurpose... medical equipment

Hilditch and British Medical Auctions

4. The past data which the hospital has on where equipment has gone

To auction

5. The data on which medical equipment that the hospital has which is about to reach its end of life

The Trust does not hold the information requested in a format which can be reported on

6. The data on which medical equipment the hospital currently has, when it was sourced and where it was sourced from, at what price

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The definition of medical equipment would include:

- 1: Storage and Transport Medical Equipment
- 2: Durable Medical Equipment (e.g. hospital beds)
- 3: Diagnostic Medical Equipment (imaging machines e.g. Xray, CT scanners, Ultrasound)
- 4: Electronic Medical Equipment (e.g. patient monitors)
- 5: Surgical Medical Equipment (e.g. surgical tables)

The definition would not include:

- 6: Single use Acute Care (trays, wound kits, blood bottles, syringes)
- 7: Procedural Medical Equipment (e.g. surgical clamps, scalpels, gloves, forceps)
- 8: Other disposable, single use equipment

A general guide if the item is not covered by the above list would be that if the item has a high RRP price (e.g. unit price greater than 500 GBP) and is not single use/disposable then it should be considered medical equipment for the purposes of this request.

If the item is sold/repurposed/re-used to another company then it should be included.

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