

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 1st October 2024.
I am pleased to confirm the following.

Total equipment waste:

- **The volume (in units) and value (in £) of medical equipment that was discarded, either by being placed in skips, incinerated or otherwise disposed of, rather than reused or recycled.**
- **Please provide a breakdown by equipment type (e.g., walking frames, crutches, beds, etc.).**

Costs associated with waste:

- **What is the annual cost of purchasing new patient medical equipment (crutches, walking frames etc)**

Recycling and reuse mechanisms:

- **Details of any mechanisms, schemes, or policies your Trust has in place for reusing, recycling, or donating medical equipment, including:**
 - **How returned equipment is processed (e.g., decontamination and refurbishment).**
 - **The percentage of equipment successfully reused or recycled.**
 - **Any partnerships with charities or external organisations to recycle or donate equipment.**
 - **Who is the named person in your NHS Trust responsible for holding this work**

Financial savings or revenue:

- **The financial savings your Trust has made through recycling or reusing medical equipment (if applicable).**
- **Any revenue generated from recycling or selling used equipment, including the breakdown by equipment type.**

Contractor involvement:

- **The total amount of money paid to contractors or suppliers for the provision of medical equipment that could potentially be reused or recycled.**

Plans for future action:

- **Any current or future initiatives aimed at reducing the waste of medical equipment and improving recycling or reuse efforts.**

Under section 12(1) of the FOIA, MKUH is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the appropriate limit. We estimate that the cost of locating and collating any relevant information and extracting the information to meet your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We are therefore unable to comply with it. The £450 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 18 hours of work per request. The cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information can be included in the costs for these purposes.

If you would like to revise your request, we will happily investigate it for you.

If you are unhappy with the information received in response to this request, please address your complaint to the Patient Affairs Office at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes MK6 5LD. If, after exhausting our internal process, you are still unhappy with the information received, you may write to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Any re-use of this information will be subject to the
'Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations' and best practice.