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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Smoke evacuation pencils used in operating theatres within Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response						
1. Manufacturer and model of smoke evacuation pencil(s) currently in use broken down by each site at SFH	Requisition point name	Product description	Supplier	Brand	MPC	UOI	Supplied qty
	OUTPATIENTS NEWARK	Diathermy Pencil Disposable Button switch 3m cable 3 pin plug with hex lock anti-rotation without blade NON RETURNABLE PRODUCT	FANNIN UK LTD	Lang Skintact Cool Contact	HCP-11	Box of 50	1
2. Total number of smoke evacuation pencils used per annum broken down by each site	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy Pencil Disposable Cautery 125mm Fine Tip Sterile Low Temperature	JUDD MEDICAL LTD	Fiab	F7255	Box of 10	2
	THEATRE GYNAECOLOGY	Diathermy Pencil Disposable Esu pencil 3m with coated insulated blade - non returnable product	FANNIN UK LTD	Skintact	HCP-371	Box of 50	1
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy Pencil Disposable Esu pencil 3m with coated insulated blade - non returnable product	FANNIN UK LTD	Skintact	HCP-371	Box of 50	1
	COLPOSCOPY	Diathermy Pencil Disposable Esu pencil 3m with coated insulated blade - non returnable product	FANNIN UK LTD	Skintact	HCP-371	Box of 50	2
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation EZLink Automatic Activation Device	CONMED LINVATEC	ConMed	EZLINK01	Each of 1	1

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			STOCK & ED				
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable 3 port filter for RapidVac - RFID	MEDTRONIC LIMITED	Covidien	SEA3700	Pack of 2	4
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable COATED PB	STRYKER UK LTD	Stryker	0703040 6001	Pack of 10	66
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable COATED PB	STRYKER UK LTD	Stryker	0703046 000	Pack of 10	62
	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable COATED PB	STRYKER UK LTD	Stryker	0703040 6001	Pack of 10	2
	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable COATED PB	STRYKER UK LTD	Stryker	0703046 000	Pack of 10	1
	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable Handswitching Fully Integrated Unit without Cradle and Standard Coated Blade	STRYKER UK LTD	Safe Air	0703046 000	Box of 10	1
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Pro Surgical with 3/8 in x 10ft tubing with adapter	CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPRO4 020	Box of 20	1

	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Pro Surgical with 3/8 in x 10ft tubing with adapter	CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPRO4 020	Box of 20	24
	ORTHOPAEDIC THEATRES, NEWARK	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Pro Surgical with 3/8 in x 10ft tubing with adapter	CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPRO4 020	Box of 20	1
	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Pro Surgical with 3/8 in x 15ft tubing with adapter	CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPRO4 520	Box of 20	22
	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Pro Surgical with 3/8 in x 15ft tubing with adapter	CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPRO4 520	Box of 20	1

	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Ultra Surgical with 3/8 in x 10ft hose/tubing filter port adapter		CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPUL20 20	Box of 20	59
	NEWARK THEATRES	Diathermy smoke evacuation pencil disposable PRICE PER BOX IF X1 BOX ORDERED PlumePen Ultra Surgical with 3/8 in x 10ft hose/tubing filter port adapter		CONMED LINVATEC STOCK & ED	ConMed	PLPUL20 20	Box of 20	8
	REC_QTY	Supplier Name	Requisition Point Name	Line 1 Desc	Line 2 Desc	Line 3 Desc	Line 4 Desc	
	2.00	CONMED UK LTD	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	VS35304	PACK OF 4	DIATHERMY SMOKE EVACUATION VIROSAFE	VIROVAC FILTER	
	4.00	CONMED UK LTD	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	PLP2020 DIATHERY SMOKE EVACUATION PENCIL	BOX OF 20	^		

	8.00	CONMED UK LTD	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	PLPUL2020	BOX OF 20	DIATHERMY SMOKE EVACUATION PENCIL	^
	4.00	CONMED UK LTD	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	PP010CS	PER BOX OF 10	SMOKE EVACUATION	>
	2.00	CONMED UK LTD	THEATRE GENERAL SURGERY	BOX OF 20	DIATHERMY SMOKE EVACUATION PENCIL	DISPOSABLE	^
3. Length of supplier contract (if applicable)	No contract, ad-hoc purchases						
4. Are these smoke evacuation pencils procured through the NHS Supply Chain framework or are they ordered directly from the supplier?	As per Q1 & Q2						

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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