

FOI REQUEST NUMBER: 5382

Please answer the below questions separately for each hospital that falls under the remit of Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, and provide the information in the form of an electronic copy.

1. What is the policy regarding the changing of a hospital privacy curtain in each NHS Hospital? How often are they changed on average per year? Is there any variation based on high or low risk areas/departments? For example: "Curtains are changed every 3, 4 or 6 months, or if visibly soiled or after a terminal clean, A&E curtains are changed more frequently at every two months. "

Curtains are changed 6 monthly for High and Medium risk areas, Low risk areas every 12 months.

All other curtain changes are as required during infection outbreaks, visibly soiled or damaged.

2. Is the policy referenced in Q1 applied to all curtain types; Linen, disposable, disposable antimicrobial. Please specify any variation of policy based on curtain type.

No. We only use disposable curtains by variation of the contract

3. What type (Linen, disposable, disposable antimicrobial) of privacy curtain is used, who is the producer/manufacturer? If multiple curtain products are present please list these.

Disposable antimicrobial manufactured by DCCL

4. Does an external company provide curtain services to the trust (supply of curtains, curtains changing, fitting, and laundering)? If so, please state the company name, services provided, and curtain contract end/review date.

Yes, Berendsen, managed service contract ends March 2020

5. What is the annual cost to each hospital for linen and laundry services for the privacy curtains? If disposable curtains are used, what is total annual spend for these, for approximately how many curtains?

	Large	Medium	Small	Total
Good Hope	3121	2326	104	5551
	£47,886	£22,880	£840	£71,606.00
Solihull	1639	802	506	2947
	£25,148	£7,889	£4,087	£37,124.00
Heartlands	5106	3855	4234	13195
	£78,346	£37,921	£34,202	£150,469.00

- 6. How many privacy curtains are in use in each hospital within the trust? Please state compared to the number of beds for each hospital.**

We do not hold this information

- 7. What proportion of curtain spend per year is through the NHS supply chain? Please state values in GBP.**

None