

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WASTE BAG TIES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to waste bag ties.

Question:

- We would like to ask a few questions regarding the printed or plain cable ties used as waste bag ties, and to just advise we are working with many trusts to get these products bought within the individual trusts budget for consumables, we have produced a few different options that still maintain tensile strength and quality, just to advise we make, print and store all within our facility and use no sub contractors.
1. Can you advise does the trust use plain or printed cable ties ?, even if you use them for other operations, if not would you consider starting to use them if a amicable budget can be found?
 2. What would be your annual usage?
 3. Can you advise the current price paid per thousand?, if this is sensitive information please advise the price you would like to pay to fit your budget.
 4. Advise the size of tie, colour and print required?, we do offer a generic print or you can have department and wards to streamline waste better .
 5. Name and email of the current waste manager
 6. Address for samples if required .
 7. Would bio degradable be of interest?
 8. Who is your current supplier?, and are you under contract.

Answer:

1:	Currently we use printed cable ties Any discussions regarding a change should be directed to NHS NSS National Procurement – contact details below.
2:	BOXI Report on last 12 months usage in NHS Lothian confirms a quantity of 1,542 packs purchased
3:	Current price is regarded as commercially sensitive. Under Section 33(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002, which exempts information if its disclosure

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I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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