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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SLIDE SHEETS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to slide sheets.

Question:

1. The types/brands of slide sheets currently in use across your Trust (e.g. disposable, reusable, tubular, bariatric, etc.), including product names where available.

Answer:

Reports indicate NHS Lothian currently uses:- Tubular, Re-usable (only with the same patient), Single Use, Disposable, Maxiplus (Bariatric)

Question:

2. The names of the suppliers/manufacturers you currently procure slide sheets from.

Answer:

Current suppliers are National Distribution Centre, GB UK Healthcare, Select Healthcare

Question:

3. The total quantity of slide sheets purchased in the last 12 months, broken down by product type if possible.

Answer:

8011 purchases have been made in the last 12 months.
This accounts for 86,482 slide sheets.
Product breakdown included in FOI Summary tab

Question:

4. The total spend on slide sheets in the last 12 months.

Answer:

£196,760.08

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Question:

5. Details of any current contracts or frameworks used for the procurement of slide sheets, including:
- Framework provider (e.g. NHS Supply Chain or other)
 - Contract start and end dates

Answer:

NP592
National Procurement
Start Date:- July 2021
Expiry Date:- June 2026

Question:

6. Whether your Trust has made any recent changes (in the last 24 months) to slide sheet suppliers or products, and if so, which suppliers/products were replaced and which were introduced.

Answer:

Reports indicate there has been no changes to slide sheet suppliers, or products, in the last 24 months

Question:

7. The department responsible for procurement of moving & handling consumables (e.g. procurement team, tissue viability, moving & handling advisors).

Answer:

All slide sheets are openly available for Wards to order as required. Therefore each department is responsible for their own purchases on the system

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.

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Yours sincerely

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