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Subject: Details of the Trusts use of Radio frequency identification technology

Q1 Name of Trust

A1 [Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital](#)

Q2 Number of beds

A2 [152 general and acute beds](#)
[30 Critical care beds](#)

Q3 Number of sites

A3 [One](#)

Q4 Do you use any kind of RFID (Radio frequency identification technology)?

A4 [No](#)

Q5 If yes, what do you use RFID for?

A5 [Information not held - As per A4](#)

Q6 Please list the types of RFID being used (e.g. passive/active/BLE/WiFi, etc.)

A6 [Information not held - As per A4](#)

Q7 If using passive and active, what is the breakdown of the items using each (i.e. 20,000 passive devices and 20,000 active)?

A7 [Information not held - As per A4](#)

Q8 If used for asset tracking, how many assets are being tracked?

A8 [Information not held - As per A4](#)

Q9 What type of assets are you tracking, e.g. medical devices/IT/estates/other?

A9 [Information not held - As per A4](#)

Q10 What is the total value of the medical devices held within the hospital/Trust?

A10 [£30,000,000](#)

Q11 Who is your current supplier of RFID?

A11 Information not held - As per A4

Q12 When is your current contract up for renewal?

A12 Information not held - As per A4

Q13 How much is your annual support from this provider?

A13 Information not held - As per A4

Q14 What level of support do you receive?

A14 Information not held - As per A4

Q15 Are you GS1 compliant (as part of the Department of Health and Social care framework for 'scan4safety')?

A15 Yes

Q16 Which departments are GS1 compliant, i.e. medical devices/sterilisation department/medical records?

A16 The Trust's Patient Access System is GS1 compliant

Q17 Is the current software interfaced with any other programmes in the hospital, such as asset management programmes?
If yes, which programmes?

A17 Information not held - As per A4

Q18 What is the current software used for sterilisation?

A18 Information not held – the Trust does not have a Sterilisation department as this is mostly outsourced.

Q19 What is the current software and process for procurement?

A19 We currently utilise Oracle SBS Shared Services software for our finance and procurement system. End users within the trust raise requisitions through the system which are then processed by Procurement for any goods or services within the Trust.

Q20 Are you using a EPR (Electronic patient record system)?

A20 Yes

Q21 Is your RFID on prem or cloud hosted?

A21 Information not held - As per A4

Q22 What is your IT infrastructure like?

- Age of server
- How are requests made to IT for change/issues? Are these dealt with promptly?

A22

- Infrastructure age ranges from 1 years to 5 years old depending on solution and refresh cycle.
- Via our services desk. Tickets are dealt with promptly and within defined Service Level Agreements within most cases.

Q23

Do you use a Microsoft Windows operating system?
If yes, what version is this?

A23

Yes, we have a mixture of versions of Windows 10 on desktop, 2008 up to 2019 on servers.