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**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** Off-framework agency usage for Sterile Services and spends

- Q1 Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Sterile Services at Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust?
- Q2 Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?
- Q3 Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.
- Q4 Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in Sterile Services?
- Q5 How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between August 2021 and August 2022?
- A1-5 Information not held – The Trust does not have a Sterile Services department and as such does not employ staff or agency staff directly for Sterile Services.
- Q6 Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?
- A6 Sterile Services/Decontamination of theatre instruments are outsourced to Steris.  
Decontamination of Endoscopes are performed in-house.