

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-071

Request:

1. Do(es) your hospital(s) have a solution to eliminate pathogens from the air?
 - a) In which departments?
 - b) In which rooms?
 - c) What technology(ies) are in use?
 - d) Air circulation with Ultra Violet (UV)
 - e) Air Circulation with Air Filter
 - f) Air Circulation with Air Filter and UV
 - g) HVAC with UV
 - h) HVAC without UV
 - i) Other (Which technology?)
2. Do(es) your hospital(s) have a solution to eliminate pathogens from the surfaces?
 - a) In which departments?
 - b) In which rooms?
 - c) What technology(ies) are in use to kill pathogens?
 - d) UV
 - e) What wavelength?
 - f) In which areas of the hospital?
 - g) Antimicrobial coating
 - h) Which coating materials?
 - i) In which areas of the hospital?
 - j) Antimicrobial cleaning products
 - k) Which chemicals?
 - l) In which areas of the hospital?
 - m) Antimicrobial materials
 - n) Which materials
 - o) In which areas of the hospital?
 - p) HVAC with UV
 - q) HVAC without UV
 - r) Other (Which technology?)
3. What are the three most important areas to have a solution to kill pathogens from the air?
4. What are the three most important areas to have a solution to kill pathogens from the surfaces?

5. Which department(s) / professional(s) make(s) the procurement decisions regarding solutions to kill pathogens from the air?
 - a) Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
 - b) Facilities Management
 - c) Other (which?)
6. Which department(s) / professional(s) make(s) the procurement decisions regarding solutions to kill pathogens from the surfaces?
 - a) Infection Prevention and Control
 - b) Facilities Management
 - c) Other (which?)
7. Do you have an Infection Prevention and Control department or is(are) designated members of staff managing it?
8. Are you planning to purchase a solution to kill pathogens from the air on the next
 - a) 12 months?
 - b) 24 months?
9. Are you planning to purchase a solution to kill pathogens from the surfaces on the next
 - a) 12 months?
 - b) 24 months?
10. Are you planning to purchase a solution to improve clinician hand hygiene on the next
 - a) 12 months?
 - b) 24 months?
11. What are your Infection Prevention and control targets for the next five years (Ex.: reduce number of Hospital Acquired Infections reductions by x% (n), increase clinicians hands hygiene rate by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the air in patient areas by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the air in public areas by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the surfaces in patient areas by x%, reduce pathogens levels from the surfaces in public areas by x%...)

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. No
2. Only when needed as part of an infectious clean.
UV, Antimicrobial cleaning products (Tristel Fuse) and Antimicrobial curtains are used.
3. The FOI Act applies to recorded information, therefore EKHFT declines to provide a response where opinions are sought
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5. Joint decision with Infection Prevention and Control, Facilities Management and Procurement
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7. The Trust has an Infection Prevention and Control team consisting of 18 staff across our five sites
8. Information is not recorded
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10. 12 Months
11. Year on year reduction of Health Care Associated Infection's (HCAI's)

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 06 FEBRUARY 2024)