

FOI REF: 25/430

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. Is the endoscopy decontamination unit a single-room or double-room unit?

Both Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH) and Conquest Hospital endoscopy decontamination sites are double room units with clean and dirty sides to both.

a. If it is a single-room decontamination unit, what is the average temperature range recorded, within the standard working hours?

Not applicable.

b. If it is a double-room decontamination unit, what is the average temperature range recorded in both the clean and dirty room, within the standard working hours?

Average temperatures for EDGH endoscopy inspection, assembling and packing (IAP) sit around 20.6C on average and EDGH endoscopy dirty sits around 20.4C on average.

Average temperatures for Conquest Hospital endoscopy IAP sit around 22.7C on average and Conquest Hospital endo WASH sits around 21.9C on average.

2. Which process challenge device is currently being used?

At EDGH we currently use the Wassenburg process challenge device and at Conquest Hospital we currently use the Cantel process challenge device, (both of these work in the same way but are specific to each manufacturer).

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3. Would the endoscopy unit be interested in trialling a new process challenge device?

Yes, endoscopy decontamination is always happy to trial new equipment to improve the current quality and systems that are in place.

a. If yes, please provide a contact name and details.

The quality team can be reached via email - esht.HSDUquality@nhs.net

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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