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| Operating Theatres | | |
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| Question | | Response |
| Q1a | How many operating theatres does your Trust currently operate? | Please insert: 22 |
| Q1b | Of your current operating theatres, how many are: - General theatres (multi-specialty) - Laminar flow theatres (orthopaedic / ultra-clean) - Endoscopy procedure rooms - Specialist theatres (e.g. cardiac, neuro, obstetric, etc.) | Please insert: - General theatres: 15 - Laminar flow theatres: 6 - Endoscopy procedure rooms: 5 - Specialist theatres: 3 + 2 + 2 |
| Q1c | How many operating theatres (if any) are currently: - Non-operational or temporarily closed - Operating at reduced capacity due to maintenance, equipment issues, or staffing constraints. | Please insert: - Non-operational or temporarily closed: 0 - Operating at reduced capacity: 0 |
| Q1d | Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's operating theatres that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods. | Please insert: - Before 2000: 20 Theatres - Conquest Hospital - 8 Built 1988 Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH) - 8 Built 1976 Day Surgical Unit - 2 Built 1998 Bexhill Hospital - 1 Built 1970 - 2000–2009: 1 Theatre - Jubilee Eye Suite - 2009 - 2010–2019: - 2020–present: 4 being built in EDGH. Theatre 1 & 2 - Conquest Hospital - Refurbishment - completed 2020. Theatre 5 & 8 - Conquest Hospital - Refurbishment - completed 2023. Containment Level 3 Laboratory - EDGH . New build approximately 2016. |
| Endoscope Decontamination Units | | |
| Q2a | How many endoscope decontamination units (EDUs) are operated within the Trust? | Please insert: The Trust have 2 EDUs - 1 on each acute site, i.e. Conquest Hosital and EDGH. |

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| Q2b | <p>Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's EDUs that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.</p> | <p><i>Please insert:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before 2000: - 2000–2009: - 2010–2019: <i>EDGH – Endo decon full refurb 2011</i> - 2020–present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Installation of 5 x new EWDS at Conquest Hospital and 5 New drying cabinets.</i> • <i>Installation of 3 new EWDs at EDGH and 2 new drying cabinets</i> |
| Central Sterile Services Department | | |
| Q3a | <p>Does your Trust operate an in-house Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD/SSD)?</p> <p>If no, please state which third-party provider or external Trust you contract for sterile processing.</p> | <p>Please select: [Yes / No]</p> |
| Q3b | <p>When was the last major capital investment, refurbishment or rebuild of the main CSSD facility in your Trust?</p> | <p><i>Please insert year.</i></p> <p><i>Before 2000:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2000–2009: <i>EDGH – HSDU – general refurbishment</i> - 2010–2019: - 2020–present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Installation of 3 x new Washer Disinfector's at EDGH. And 4 refurbished washer disinfector's</i> • <i>Installation of 4 x new Sterilisers</i> • <i>Installation of 1 x gas plasma steriliser</i> |
| Clean Room / Lab Space | | |

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| Q4a | Which of the following cleanroom-capable facilities are currently operated within your Trust? | <p>Please select all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pharmacy aseptic manufacturing unit - <i>Pharmacy Aseptic Unit at Conquest Hospital.</i> - Oncology/haematology cytotoxic reconstitution suite - <i>Not applicable, we do not have a separate Oncology/Haematology cytotoxic reconstitution suite. We prepare cytotoxics in our aseptic unit.</i> - Radiopharmacy - <i>Not applicable.</i> - Pathology or microbiology cleanroom - <i>Not Applicable.</i> - IVF or reproductive medicine cleanroom - <i>Not Applicable.</i> - Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product (ATMP) or cell and gene therapy suite - <i>Not applicable to ESHT.</i> - Medical device/implant clean area - <i>We have no clean room area for medical devices maintenance purposes.</i> - Clinical research or clinical trials cleanroom space - <i>Not applicable, we do not have a clinical research cleanroom space. All clinical trial treatments are prepared in Pharmacy/aseptics and administered on the Day Units/ wards.</i> |
| Q4b | Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's cleanroom-capable facilities that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods. | <p>Please insert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before 2000: - 2000–2009: - 2010–2019: - 2020–present: - <i>The Pharmacy Aseptic Unit at Conquest Hospital - Built 22 years ago but underwent some minor modernisation 2024.</i> |