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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**1: Does the trust use printed or plain cable ties for their waste stream? Or used in other areas?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) does not use cable ties for their waste stream.

Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-613 - Response' for the cable ties used in 'other areas'.

**2: Is the trust under contract for this product?**

Waste stream - not applicable.

Other areas - no.

**3: What is most important when ordering these, i.e. price, quality?**

Waste stream - not applicable.

Other areas - price and quality.

**4: What is the price the trust pays for these per thousand?**

Waste stream - not applicable.

Other areas - Section 43(2) applied, please see below:

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that disclosure could weaken ESHT's position in future negotiations, as suppliers may use the current price to influence their bids, reducing competition and value for money. Disclosure could disadvantage the current supplier by revealing its confidential pricing to competitors.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

**5: What is the spec used and annual quantity?**

Waste stream - not applicable.

Other areas - please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-613 - Response'

**6: Can you advise the waste manager email?**

We are unable to provide the direct contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

However, we can confirm the main contact telephone number for ESHT is 0300 131 4500.

**7: If not used, can you advise why, and if you would consider using these?**

ESHT use source code tape with the name of the area printed for their waste stream. ESHT have looked at cable ties in the past for waste stream, but these have been too expensive.

**8: Can you advise your current supplier?**

Waste stream - Fastnet Tapes

Other areas - please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-613 - Response'

**9: Can you advise if free samples are required to trial?**

No.

**10: Please provide a postal address to receive these?**

Not applicable.

**11: Please advise if required will you be wanting to go with the generic hospital named ties or wards and departments?**

Not applicable.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust  
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Core Hours of Business: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

**FOI 26/613 - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust**

| Description                                                          | Product Code | UOI         | Area                             | Qty<br>ordered | Supplier                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| CABLE TIES BLACK 300 X 4.5MM                                         | 31536        | PACK OF 100 | ESTATES DEPT ENGINEERING         | 3              | SCREWFIX DIRECT         |
| CABLE TIES BLACK 300 X 4.5MM                                         | 31536        | PACK OF 100 | UNIT WORKS STORES                | 3              | SCREWFIX DIRECT         |
| CABLE TIES BLACK 200 X 4.5MM                                         | 44334        | PACK OF 100 | UNIT WORKS STORES                | 3              | SCREWFIX DIRECT         |
| CABLE TIES BLACK 100 X 2.5MM                                         | 65467        | PACK OF 100 | ESTATES DEPT ENGINEERING         | 3              | SCREWFIX DIRECT         |
| CABLE TIES BLACK 100 X 2.5MM                                         | 65467        | PACK OF 100 | UNIT WORKS STORES                | 3              | SCREWFIX DIRECT         |
| CABLE TIES BLACK 100 PACK                                            | 96830        | PACK OF 100 | THEATRES EASTBOURNE              | 1              | SCREWFIX DIRECT         |
| CABLE TIES 200 X 4.8MM                                               | 650009       | PACK OF 100 | CQ NHSSC ORTHO                   | 2              | CITY ELECTRICAL FACTORS |
| CABLE TIES 200 X 4.8MM                                               | 650009       | PACK OF 100 | THEATRES - TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS | 1              | CITY ELECTRICAL FACTORS |
| CABLE TIES 200 X 4.8MM                                               | 650009       | PACK OF 100 | THEATRES EASTBOURNE              | 1              | CITY ELECTRICAL FACTORS |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | CONQUEST PATHOLOGY DEPT          | 15             | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | CONQUEST PHYSIO OUTPATIENTS      | 1              | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | CONQUEST THEATRE STORES          | 5              | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | EASTBOURNE DN'S EASTBOURNE PAR   | 1              | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | PATH HISTOPATHOLOGY              | 5              | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | PATHOLOGY CONQUEST RECEPTION     | 21             | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE STRENGTH 100 X 2.5MM BLACK           | COTIE1000    | PACK OF 100 | SAME DAY EMERGENCY CARE CONQ     | 1              | CONNEKTGEAR             |
| CABLE TIES PLASTIC HIGH TENSILE CABLE-TIE STRENGTH 370 X 4.8MM BLACK | COTIE3600    | PACK OF 100 | EDGH GYNAE OPD                   | 11             | CONNEKTGEAR             |