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Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals

NHS Trust

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Subject:	Sterile services

REQUEST

1.Variously known as decontamination units, CSSDs, HSDUs, SDUs, SSDs, SSDUs, SPDs, and/or SPUs, does your Trust have an **in-house sterile services facility** / department?
If **no**, please indicate this (return e-mail acceptable), and thank you for your time. No further answers are required.
If **yes**, please support with the following:

2) What **instrument tracking system** does the sterile service use?

3) What **accreditation**, if any, does the facility hold?

4) Does the facility process / resupply single "**supplementary items or devices**" to customers/clinical users?

5) If the facility supports/handles/supplies **supplementary items**, how is it defining them?

6) Looking at the following options, which of the **following methods** are used by sterile services for the individual tracking and traceability of supplementary / single surgical instruments? **1D / traditional barcode** on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user

      2D / QR-style barcode on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user

7. Does the instrument tracking system fully-integrate with their chosen single-instrument tracking approach, or does it require **third-party software, hardware or other systems** to function?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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St. Helens and Knowsley response

No in house sterile service facility.

2) What **instrument tracking system** does the sterile service use?

Southport and Ormskirk response

Health Edge

St. Helens and Knowsley response

N/A

3) What **accreditation**, if any, does the facility hold?

Southport and Ormskirk response

ISO 13485:2016

MDR 2002

St. Helens and Knowsley response

N/A

4) Does the facility process / resupply single "**supplementary items or devices**" to customers/clinical users?

Southport and Ormskirk response

Yes

St. Helens and Knowsley response

N/A

5) If the facility supports/handles/supplies **supplementary items**, how is it defining them?

Southport and Ormskirk response

Cost Code	Number of Instruments or Special Processing Requirements
1	Single Item single packed
2	Single item on tray or double packed
3	Instrument sets up to 10 items
4	Instrument sets up to 15 items
5	Instrument sets up to 20 items
6	Instrument sets with 21 – 30 components
7	Instrument sets with 31 – 40 components
8	Instrument sets with 41 – 50 components
9	Instrument sets with 51 – 60 components
10	Instrument sets with 60 – 80 components

St. Helens and Knowsley response

N/A

6) Looking at the following options, which of the **following methods** are used by sterile services for the individual tracking and traceability of supplementary / single surgical instruments? **1D / traditional barcode** on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user

Southport and Ormskirk response

Laser Marking of the device, with a 2D/ QR-style code

2D / QR-style barcode on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user

Coloured **instrument tape** applied to the device to indicate the owner / destination

KeyDot or similar system which sticks a QR-like code on to the device

Laser Marking of the device, with a 2D/ QR-style code

Laser Marking of the device, with a 1D / traditional barcode

Laser Marking with a name, number or other human-readable text

Other (please specify)

7. Does the instrument tracking system fully-integrate with their chosen single-instrument tracking approach, or does it require **third-party software, hardware or other systems** to function?

Southport and Ormskirk response

Fully-integrate with chosen single-instrument tracking provide.

Some laser marking of devices, with a 2D/ QR-style code by off-site third-party provider.

St. Helens and Knowsley response

N/A