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Subject: Flexible endoscopes

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. In the last quarter, what percentage of the following flexible endoscopes:

- Gastroscopes
- Colonoscopes
- Duodenoscopes

were returned to the manual cleaning process because they were not used within 3 hours after removal from the endoscope washer disinfectant (EWD) or automatic endoscope reprocessor, as per BSG and ESGE guidelines.

At S&O sites 1.025% due to patient cancellation, DNA or not medically fit on the day

At STHK sites 0

2. In the last year, how many flexible endoscopes required emergency out of hours cleaning?

13

3. Are endoscopes reprocessed within the hospital or outsourced to a separate decontamination facility?

- a. If reprocessing is outsourced, which facility is used?
- b. How often and at which times of the day, are endoscopes collected and returned to the unit from the external reprocessing unit?
- c. How are endoscopes transported between the hospital and external reprocessing unit?

Inhouse

4. Are there on call decontamination staff?

yes

**5. How is the time elapsed between completing pre-cleaning and starting the manual clean/AER quantified and recorded?**

Across all sites a combination of Health Edge & paper trail and electronic track and trace system

**6. Do you have a delayed reprocessing protocol in place?**  
**a. If so, is adherence to this protocol monitored and what system is used to monitor this?**

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**7. What is the current endoscope transport system used and who is the supplier?**

Hospital transport

**8. How much is spent per year on endoscope transportation systems?**

The costs for this service are not recorded

**9. What is the current endoscope track and trace system used?**

Health Edge

**10. How much is spent per year on endoscope track and trace systems?**

£17014.07

**11. Would the endoscopy unit be happy to be contacted regarding trialling new endoscope infection prevention consumable products? If yes, please provide a contact name and details.**

No