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Subject:	Logistics and supply chain for medical devices and consumables

REQUEST

1. Current logistics and supply chain model
 - a. How much space (in sq ft) does your organisation currently use for inventory storage of medical devices and consumables (please indicate whether this is on-site or off-site)?
 - b. Does your organisation make use of consolidated logistics hubs or off-site storage facilities for medical devices and/or consumables?
 - c. Is this done in partnership with other NHS organisations?
 - i. If so, does your organisation run this or is it run by another organisation?
 - ii. If so, which organisation?
 - d. How much does your organisation spend on medical devices and consumables through NHS Supply Chain?
 - i. What is this spend as a proportion of your organisation's total spend on medical devices and consumables?
2. Delivery and stock management
 - a. What systems (if any) does your Trust use to manage inventory and logistics for medical devices and consumables?
 - b. Are these systems integrated with NHS Supply Chain or other regional or national systems?
3. Strategic priorities
 - a. Is your Trust actively exploring or piloting any new logistics models, technologies, or partnerships to improve supply chain efficiency? If so, please give any details.
 - b. Would your organisation be open to participating in a pilot of an alternative logistics model (i.e. one offering consolidated supply, enhanced stock visibility, and just-in-time delivery capabilities)?
4. Additional
 - a. Who in your organisation is responsible for logistics and supply chain operations? Please provide name and contact details where possible.
 - b. Who in your organisation is responsible for procurement decision-making relating to medical technology and consumable supplies? Please provide name and contact details where possible.

RESPONSE

1a) The Trust does not have on site warehousing for inventory storage – stocks are held on wards/departments, in store rooms, the size of which would be challenging to quantify given the size of the organisation.

1b) No

1c) N/A

(i) N/A

(ii) N/A

1d) Based on 2024/25 financial year (April 2024-March 2025 inclusive) the following information is taken from purchase order data only and NHS Supply Chain expenditure reports. The NHS uses eClass system for categorising purchase orders and there is not a unique eClass code for “medical devices and consumables,” as per the question, so eClass codes that fall into NHS England’s categorisation of “clinical supplies and services” have calculated for this question.

(i) £13,063,883.49 + VAT

(ii) 21.5% based on methodology outlined above

2a) The Trust utilises Electronic Demand Capture (eDC) and Electronic Demand Capture Gold supplied by NHS Supply Chain for inventory management. Additionally, GHX Nexus, GHX Exchange and Oracle are used for electronic catalogues, order transmission and purchase to pay respectively. Pitney Bowes’ Sendsuite also in use for chain of custody tracking of inbound goods.

b) Yes – these systems integrate with NHS Supply Chain to the extent that they are able or it is appropriate to do so.

3a) Section 7 of the Trust’s Procurement Strategy discusses this

Please see attached

b) While the Freedom of Information Act concerns itself with facts and known information, please contact us on the details in 4a) to discuss further

4a) Head of eCommerce, Procurement Logistics and Transactional Services and Supply Chain Manager The Procurement Department’s email address is available at [Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust STHK | Our Services](#)

b) The Procurement Department oversee procurement decision making in conjunction with wards/departments/wider organisation. Please contact them

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