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Subject: Aquariums and aquatic displays within your Trust.

REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to aquariums and aquatic displays within your Trust.

1. Existing Aquariums

Please confirm whether the Trust currently owns or operates any ornamental aquarium(s) or aquatic displays.

If yes, please provide:

The number of aquariums currently in operation.

Their general location (e.g. reception, children's ward, outpatient department, waiting area).

The approximate year each aquarium was installed.

2. Installation Supplier

For each aquarium, please provide:

The company that supplied and/or installed the aquarium.

Whether the installation was procured via a tender or procurement framework or a direct award (and, if applicable, the name of the framework).

3. Maintenance

Please confirm:

Whether aquarium maintenance is carried out in-house or by an external contractor.

If externally maintained:

Name of the contractor.

Contract start date.

Contract expiry or renewal date.

Approximate annual contract value.

4. Future Projects

Please confirm whether the Trust currently has any plans, approved projects or budget allocations for new aquarium installations, replacements or refurbishments within the next 24 months.

5. Procurement

Please provide:

The department responsible for procuring aquarium installations and maintenance.

The job title of the person or team responsible.

6. Expenditure

Please provide, where available:

Total expenditure on aquarium installations over the previous five financial years.

Annual expenditure on aquarium maintenance for each of the previous five financial years.

7. Supporting Documentation

Please provide copies of any business cases, reports, evaluations or studies relating to the installation of aquariums, including any documents discussing patient wellbeing, staff wellbeing, visitor experience or therapeutic benefits.

RESPONSE

1. The Trust does not currently own or operate any ornamental aquariums or aquatic displays on any Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust site.
2. Not applicable, as the Trust does not currently own or operate any aquariums or aquatic displays.
3. Not applicable, as the Trust does not currently own or operate any aquariums or aquatic displays.
4. The Trust has no current plans, approved projects or budget allocations for new aquarium installations, replacements or refurbishments within the next 24 months.
5. Not applicable, as the Trust does not currently own or operate any aquariums or aquatic displays and has no current plans for future aquarium installations, replacements or refurbishments.

6. The Trust has recorded no expenditure on aquarium installations or aquarium maintenance during the previous five financial years.
7. The Trust holds no business cases, reports, evaluations or studies relating to the installation of aquariums or aquatic displays.