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Dear

### **Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 30/11/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

### **Skin grafts**

- **Does Queen Alexandra Hospital carry out skin graft surgeries?**  
Yes, The Trust does carry our skin graft surgeries.
- **If yes, how many producers are carried out (monthly / annually) and the reason for the skin graft?**  
This is not data that the Trust collates and therefore is not in an easily retrievable format. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.
- **The type of graft used and if the 'material' used to graft is human, animal, or synthetic and whether it is permanent or temporary.**  
Please see answer in point 2.
- **On average what is the cost of the surgery? Preferably with a breakdown of theatre, surgeons, nurses, other staff, medication, equipment costs.**  
Please see answer in point 2.
- **What is the failure rate of the different skin graft procedures?**  
Please see answer in point 2.

### **Wounds and Dressings**

- **How many chronic wounds does the hospital treat? (monthly / annually)**  
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- **What is the main cause of these wounds? Eg. venous ulcers, pressure ulcers, diabetes, burns etc.**  
Please see answer in point 1.
- **What are the main dressings used to treat these wounds, manufacturers, and the costs per dressing?**  
Please see answer in point 1.
- **Do these dressings contain any antibacterial components, analgesic or features to help with high exudate levels.**
  - Please see answer in point 1.
- **On average what is the changing frequency of these dressings until they are no longer required?**
  - Please see answer in point 1.
- **What are the additional costs to treat these wounds? E.g. nurse costs per visits or dressing change, in and outpatient costs, assessment costs, clinic costs and costs of any additional medication such as antibiotics to help treat the wound.**
  - Please see answer in point 1.
- **What is the average healing time for the different types of wounds? Is this affected by the type of dressing used, age of patient etc?**
  - Please see answer in point 1.

### 3D Printing and applications

Following from an article in 2014 which mentioned Queen Alexandra Hospital and its use of 3D printed models to test implants and help surgeons practise procedures before operating.

- **Has the hospital continued to use 3D printing?** No, the Trust does not undertake any 3D printing.
- **If yes, what are the applications.** Not applicable.
- **Does the hospital have a dedicated department for 3D printing or does it use an external body to manufacture the models. If it is the latter, which manufacturers.** Not applicable.
- **What type of printer and material is used to create these models?** Not applicable.
- **What is the most common patient model printed? And the average costs and time to print said model?** Not applicable.
- **Does the hospital have any connections with tissue engineering and bioprinting, or gene therapy?** Not applicable.
- **If yes, which companies are they working alongside and what are the current applications and costs?** Not applicable.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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