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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-163
Subject: Procurement (Updated Request)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **25/02/2026** where you requested information about **Procurement (Updated Request).**

The information you requested is enclosed, now with additional spend figures.

Question	Answer
For the past three full years for which full data is available, could you please provide procurement data including cost and number of units for the following items purchased by the Trust:	
1. Scissors, including surgical, disposable and single-use versions.	See below
2. Forceps, including artery or tissue forceps.	See below
3. Surgical clamps.	See below
4. Basic hollowware, including gallipots, kidney dishes, instrument trays and bowls.	See below
5. Single-use tourniquets.	See below
6. Harmonic shears.	See below
For each item category, please provide for each year:	
a) Total number of units procured	See below
b) Total spend (£)	See below
c) Where recorded in procurement systems, whether the items were designated as single-use/disposable.	Not recorded

Units

Product	2022/23 Financial Year	2023/24 Financial Year	2024/25 Financial year
Scissors	62,192	62,881	59,626
Forceps	23,536	23,596	25,901
Surgical Clamps	3,590	3,862	3,166
Holloware	26,659	32,143	42,380
Tourniquets*	234,050	235,447	257,172

Harmonic Shears	342	350	336	

Spend (all inclusive of vat):

Product	2022/23 Financial Year	2023/24 Financial Year	2024/25 Financial year
Scissors	13,898.96	14,026.60	13,788.82
Forceps	73,995.95	74,124.41	82,265.47
Surgical Clamps	10,052.80	11,067.66	9,464.69
Holloware	6,622.80	7,696	10,042.44
Tourniquets*	19,414.67	20,029.14	21,963.71
Harmonic Shears	168,988.99	173,313.80	121,744.52

*Various tourniquets are ordered with the majority not stating on the available data whether they are single use or re-usable. The above is not inclusive of any products that have been ordered as part of a loan kit, as at the Purchase order stage we do not have a breakdown of the items used within the loan kit.

Additionally, for the same three years, please provide the total number of the following mobility aids procured by the Trust:	Please refer to Bolton Council, we do not hold this information
a) Crutches	
b) Walking frames	
c) Walking sticks	
And for each of the above mobility aids:	
a) Total annual spend (£)	
b) If recorded centrally, the number of units refurbished or reissued through reuse schemes	

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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