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Internal Reference: 260524
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **20/05/2026**.
We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.

Your Request and our Formal Response

For each item, please can you provide the following information for each financial year, from 2018/19 to 2025/26:

- Total units ordered
- Total cost
- Name of the main supplier for the item
- Total money paid to the main supplier
- Expense type/categorisation

I would like to know how much your trust spends on the following items:

- A4 paper

Year	Total Units Order
2018 – 2019	Data not available
2019 – 2020	73 units
2020 – 2021	22 units
2021 – 2022	102 units
2022 – 2023	153 units
2023 – 2024	502 units

2024 – 2025	353 units
2025 – 2026	436 units

- Total cost: The Trust does not hold recorded information on total cost as procurement is undertaken via NHS Supply Chain and item-level pricing is not recorded separately within Trust systems. Please contact NHS Supply Chain for further information.
 - Name of the main supplier for the item: NHS Supply Chain
 - Total money paid to the main supplier: As per above response for A4 Paper
 - Expense type/categorisation: Stationery
- Toothpicks
 - This is not applicable to the Trust, as we do not purchase Toothpicks.
 - Disposable gloves

Year	Total Unit Order
2018 – 2019	Data not available
2019 – 2020	7,449 boxes of 50
2020 – 2021	7,420 boxes of 50
2021 – 2022	117 boxes of 500
2022 – 2023	553 Boxes of 100
2023 – 2024	9,249 Boxes of 100
2024 – 2025	1,007 Boxes of 100
2025 – 2026	21,445 Boxes of 50

- Please note that box sizes may vary and are typically supplied in differing quantities depending on product specification.
- Total cost: The Trust does not hold this information as the pricing is for NHS Supply Chain. Please contact NHS Supply Chain for further information.
- Name of the main supplier for the item: NHS Supply Chain
- Total money paid to the main supplier: as above for Disposable gloves
- Expense type/categorisation: Medical Consumables

- Disposable cutlery
 - This is not applicable to the Trust, as we do not purchase Disposable Cutlery.
- Tweezers
 - This is not applicable to the Trust as we do not purchase tweezers
- Safety Pins
 - This is not applicable as we do not purchase Safety Pins.
- Cotton swabs/Q-tips
 - This is not applicable to the Trust, as we do not purchase Cotton swabs/Q-tips.
- Cotton pads
 - This is not applicable to the Trust, as we do not purchase Cotton Pads
- Disposable face masks

Year	Total Unit Order
2018 – 2019	Data not available
2019 – 2020	100 boxes 50
2020 – 2021	6,020 each
2021 – 2022	2887 each
2022 – 2023	2,163 each
2023 – 2024	4,965 each
2024 – 2025	372 each
2025 – 2026	6,006 each

- Total cost: The Trust does not hold this information as the pricing is for NHS Supply Chain. Please contact NHS Supply Chain for further information.
- Name of the main supplier for the item: NHS Supply Chain
- Total money paid to the main supplier: as above for disposable face masks
- Expense type/categorisation: Medical Consumables
- Paper bed roll
 - This is not applicable to the Trust, as we do not purchase Paper Bed Roll.

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team

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