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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 27th July 2021. Apologies for the delay in responding. Your request sought information relating to disinfection systems and HAI.

- Does your organisation currently purchase any of the following or similar disinfection systems:**
 - Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour Disinfection Systems**
 - Mobile Ultraviolet Light Disinfection Systems**
 - Electrostatic Disinfection Systems**

Yes, HPV services on an ad hoc basis, subject to service requirements/specific outbreaks and Ultra-Violet C Decontamination technology available in our acute hospital sites.

- From which suppliers do you obtain these systems, and can you confirm the spend in the last 2 years?**

Inivos – between 25th March 2020 and 4th August 2020, total order value £225,681.
GAMA - £20,000 per year.

- Were these systems purchased through a tender or framework? If so, which one? Please provide the following details: Name, Reference, Where this was published**

ESPO Framework 263 – Total Cleaning Services Solutions for ad hoc service provision – no equipment purchases.

- Are you under contract with your current supplier(s) for the above?, If so, what is the start and end date(s) of the contract(s)?**

There is no contract for decontamination services within the Health Board



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5. Can you provide the name and contact details for the person(s) responsible for procuring these systems?

Richard Clayfield, telephone number 01639 684431 or Richard.clayfield@wales.nhs.uk

6. Can you provide contact details for the department responsible for managing this service or more broadly infection, prevention, and control?

Joanne Jones, Head of Support Services, Telephone No: 01792 285379 or Joanne.jones12@wales.nhs.uk

7. Within this sector, are peer-reviewed studies considered a part of your selection for suppliers?

Yes, included within specification

8. Many ultraviolet disinfection systems use Mercury bulbs - can you confirm if your systems use these alongside your associated environmental management procedures?

The UVC equipment used within the Health Board does contain low pressure mercury within the lamps. The amount is equivalent to a standard 4ft fluorescent tube, i.e. up to 20mg per lamp. The lamps are encapsulated to ensure the containment of any glass or mercury if a lamp should break. Lamp replacement is undertaken by the equipment supplier under a maintenance contact – please see details in question 2.

9. How many Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI) have there been in the last 2 years?

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is already in the public domain. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to the Public Health website: [Healthcare associated infections \(HCAI\) - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](http://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-associated-infections)

10. What are the types of HAIs?

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11. What is the cost per HAI?

The Health Board does not calculate the costs per HAI and therefore does not hold this information.

12. What would be a reasonable cost per room for disinfection?

The cost to decontaminate a room is not currently calculated and would include staff time, cleaning equipment and supplies, in addition to the use of any technology, therefore the Health Board does not hold this information centrally.

13. How long does it take to turnover a room?

Time is variable as it is affected by many factors, including availability of alternative accommodation to have an empty room, availability of nursing staff to undertake



preparation and cleaning of items for which they are responsible, before commencing any higher level decontamination

14. What percentage of surfaces get disinfected during a room turnover?

This information is not held.

15. What log reduction is expected for surface disinfection?

This would be variable depending on process used and contact time.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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