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REQUEST:

1. What is the process by which suppliers of medical devices get in touch with the trust, how does the trust make decisions on which suppliers to choose and who is responsible for making such decisions?
2. What happens to the NHS equipment (including medical devices, vehicles, technology and office equipment) that becomes redundant, is not cost effective for repair or is in surplus and which department of the trust is responsible for making such decisions?
3. Does the trust have a vision or strategy in place to make the NHS "greener"?

OUR RESPONSE:

1. Details on how to contact the Trust's Procurement Department can be found at:
<https://www.leicsprocurement.nhs.uk/ContactUs.aspx>

Where feasible we try to align our standardised products with other healthcare providers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to provide consistency of product across the care pathway for the benefit patients and staff. Standardisation of medical devices is based upon patient & service needs, quality, cost and availability of product, servicing & maintenance, training requirements, trial & evaluation. Successful evaluations dictate the products and, therefore, the suppliers.

Responsibility sits with the Medical Devices Asset Manager, Medical Devices Group and Procurement Department.

2. Medical devices, if they are not safe for re-use elsewhere, are disposed of. Otherwise, they are either donated to developing countries or re-sold. The Medical Devices Asset Manager is responsible for making such decisions, in line with manufacturers' recommendations, servicing & maintenance outcomes and the Trust's Disposal Policy & Medical Devices Policy.

Leicestershire Health Informatics Department determine what happens to technology and office equipment. Any that has passed its usefulness through age or condition is recycled by an IT equipment recycling company. Surplus equipment is not an issue.

With regard to vehicles, unfortunately, we do not hold this information, as they are all owned or leased via the University of Leicester NHS Trust. If you wish to request this information from them, they can be contacted at: <https://www.leicestershospitals.nhs.uk/aboutus/freedom-of-information/contact-us/>

3. Please see attached the Trust's Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy for 2016 to 2021.

Attachments: