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I am responding to your request for information received 9 July 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Request:

Operating Theatres

Question 1a: How many operating theatres does your Trust currently operate?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 1b: Of your current operating theatres, how many are:

- **General theatres (multi-specialty)**
- **Laminar flow theatres (orthopaedic / ultra-clean)**
- **Endoscopy procedure rooms**
- **Specialist theatres (e.g. cardiac, neuro, obstetric, etc.)**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1b of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 1c: How many operating theatres (if any) are currently:

- **Non-operational or temporarily closed**
- **Operating at reduced capacity due to maintenance, equipment issues, or staffing constraints.**

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Question 1d: Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's operating theatres that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.

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Endoscope Decontamination Units

Question 2a: How many endoscope decontamination units (EDUs) are operated within the Trust?

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Question 2b: Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's EDUs that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.

- **Before 2000:**
- **2000–2009:**
- **2010–2019:**
- **2020–present:**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2b of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Central Sterile Services Department



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Question 3a: Does your Trust operate an in-house Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD/SSD)?

If no, please state which third-party provider or external Trust you contract for sterile processing.

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Question 3b: When was the last major capital investment, refurbishment or rebuild of the main CSSD facility in your Trust?

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Clean Room / Lab Space

Question 4a: Which of the following cleanroom-capable facilities are currently operated within your Trust?

Please select all that apply:

- Pharmacy aseptic manufacturing unit
- Oncology/haematology cytotoxic reconstitution suite
- Radiopharmacy
- Pathology or microbiology cleanroom
- IVF or reproductive medicine cleanroom
- Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product (ATMP) or cell and gene therapy suite
- Medical device/implant clean area
- Clinical research or clinical trials cleanroom space

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Question 4b: Please provide an approximate percentage or tally of the Trust's cleanroom-capable facilities that were installed or last fully refurbished in each of the following time periods.

- **Before 2000:**
- **2000–2009:**
- **2010–2019:**
- **2020–present:**

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