Information Requested:

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?
   The Trust has a Medical Devices Committee that meets on a quarterly basis. Requests are taken to this committee, and we also work closely with our Medical Devices Contractor and Engineers.

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?
   Medical Devices are decommissioned by our contractor and where possible parts are reused, some equipment has been sent to impoverished countries struggling to meet health needs/requirements.

   All PCs are recycled by a third party and distributed to impoverished countries after removal of all data.

   Most vehicles are leased. Once the lease agreement ends the vehicles are returned to the lease car companies. The Trust owns a small number of vans used by the estates department and these would be sold or scrapped depending on the reason for disposal. This decision would be taken by the Director of Estates and Facilities.

   Wherever possible any surplus office equipment is redeployed across the Trust. This may require the equipment to be stored for a period of time. If it cannot be redeployed it will disposed of via an appropriate route. The Trust is currently reviewing the introduction of a system that will allow the available items to be viewed across the Trust, and where appropriate shared with other public sector organisations, to help increase the level of redeployment/re-use.

3. Does the trust have a vision or strategy in place to make the NHS “greener”?
   The Trust reports Sustainability, following the Sustainable Development Unit guidance, in its Annual Report. This report outlines the Trust’s vision and updates on progress. The Strategy is in place and is currently being updated following a merger of adjacent trusts.

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