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Continence and Stoma Care - Formularies and Agreements for Nurse Sponsorship

Continence and Stoma Care Formularies Questions:

- 1. Does your organisation have an active Ostomy (stoma) or Continence Care Formulary? If so, please share copies of both formularies, including the full list of products?**
- 2. What NHS organisations are they applicable to?**
- 3. When was the formulary start date, and when will it end or is expected to be renewed?**
- 4. What is the primary objective of the formulary? If this is to deliver cost-improvement / savings, please quantify what savings the formulary has delivered to your organisation each year since it was active?**
- 5. Which part of your organisation benefits from any Formulary savings?**
- 6. What is the process for renewal?**
- 7. Where new, innovative products are launched while the formulary is live, what is the process for reviewing these and adding to the formulary?**
- 8. Other than cost, how are outcomes measured and which outcomes are measured when assessing the effectiveness of the formulary?**
- 9. Are stoma bags included within your formularies?**
- 10. Who are the lead clinical stakeholder(s) responsible for the formularies – name and job role please?**
- 11. Who are the lead nonclinical stakeholder(s) responsible for the formularies – name and job role please?**
- 12. How is formulary compliance measured by healthcare professionals in your organisation?**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is unable to provide answers to the questions above. These questions should be redirected to the Department of Health - medicines.management@hscni.net

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Continence and Stoma Care Agreements for Nurse Sponsorship Questions:

- 1. Do you have Continence and/or Stoma sponsorship agreement (or agreements) in place across your Trust's different hospital sites? If your hospital sites have different agreements please answer the below questions separately.**

Adult services have a partnership agreement with Coloplast.

- 2. We appreciate some agreements span Acute, Community, Mental Health and Primary Care Service providers. Which NHS organisations and / or hospital sites is this applicable to?**

The current agreement with Coloplast is for Acute services.

- 3. When was it launched and when will it be up for renewal?**

This is a long-standing partnership in place for over 15 years. Next due for renewal 1 November 2025.

- 4. Who is the provider?**

Coloplast

- 5. Across the full contract length, what is the value?**

We are not in a position to share details of or the actual contract. This information is withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 43 - Commercial Interests. Section 43 is a qualified exemption, and so a public interest test has been completed to consider the arguments in favour of and against disclosure. The Public Interest Test has concluded that it would not be in the Public Interest to share this information, as the reasons for non-disclosure outweigh those in favour of disclosure.

In reaching the decision to withhold some of the information requested, the Trust has considered fully its commitment to ensuring openness and transparency, where reasonably practicable, in all its activities.

- 6. Can you share the procurement notice?**

As above, we are unable to share the procurement notice as this information is withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 43 - Commercial Interests.

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7. How many nurses were provided? If yes, what band and FTE?

Coloplast sponsor 2.00WTE Band 6 Stoma Nurses and 0.80WTE Band 4 Administrative staff.

8. Are their honorary contracts provided? If yes, what band and FTE?

No

9. What other incidentals were included in the tender, including but not limited to training, IT, vehicles, grants, travel etc.

Coloplast provide training grants for the Stoma Nurses.

10. What KPIs are included in the agreement and how is success measured?

KPI's are not included in the current agreement.