

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.19211.26
<b>Subject:</b>	Cable ties
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**Requested:**

1. Can you advise does the trust use plain or printed cable ties? even if you use them for other operations, if not would you consider starting to use them if an amicable budget can be found?
2. What would be your annual usage?
3. Can you advise the current price paid per thousand? if this is sensitive information, please advise the price you would like to pay to fit your budget.
4. Advise the size of tie, colour and print required? we do offer a generic print, or you can have department and wards to streamline waste better.
5. Name and email of the current waste manager.
6. Address for samples if required.
7. Would biodegradable be of interest?
8. Who is your current supplier? and are you under contract.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it uses printed cable ties.
2. The UHB's cable tie usage is approximately 291,500 per annum.
3. The UHB confirms that the price is £35.52 per thousand cable ties.
4. The UHB uses 216mm black cable ties with white text.
5. The UHB's waste manger is Terri Shaw, Senior Environmental Officer and can be contacted via email: [terri.shaw@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:terri.shaw@wales.nhs.uk)
6. & 7. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. The FoIA does not cover information on estimates, opinions or recommendations. The UHB has an obligation to provide information already in recorded form but cannot create new information to answer a question. Therefore, these questions have not been responded to.

However, the UHB is continually looking at sustainable product alternatives and biodegradable options is given consideration. The procurement of cable ties is managed by the Procurement Services in NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) and contact details are available on the NWSSP website. A link to the relevant webpage has been provided below:

[Contact Procurement Services - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#)

In addition, please see contact details provided in response to question 5.

8. The procurement of cable ties is managed by Procurement Services in NWSSP via the NHS Wales Supply Chain utilising on-framework contracts. The UHB does not hold the contract information and therefore recommends you contact the Freedom of Information team in NWSSP who may be able to assist you further. Contact details are as follows:

[shared.services@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:shared.services@wales.nhs.uk) or alternatively in writing to: NWSSP, Information Governance Manager, 4-5 Charnwood Court, Heol Billingsley, Parc Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QZ.