

Reference:	FOI.16805.25
Subject:	Smoke evacuation pencils
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Requested:

I would like to request some information on the smoke evacuation pencils used in operating theatres within Hywel Dda University Health Board please.

Specifically:

1. Name of Hospital
2. Manufacturer and model of smoke evacuation pencil(s) currently in use
3. Total number of smoke evacuation pencils used per annum
4. Length of supplier contract (if applicable)
5. Are these smoke evacuation pencils procured through the NHS Supply Chain framework or are they ordered directly from the supplier?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that smoke evacuation pencils are used in Theatres across its four (4) acute hospitals; Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH), Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) and Withybush General Hospital (WGH).
2. The UHB confirms that it uses diathermy smoke evacuation pencils manufactured by Conmed, Medtronic, and Stryker.
3. The UHB confirms that three thousand and ninety (3,090) diathermy smoke evacuation pencils were used, during the period 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025.
4. The UHB confirms that the contract was procured via the All-Wales Electrosurgical Instrumentation framework for a four (4) year contract.
5. The UHB confirms that its diathermy smoke evacuation pencils are ordered directly from the suppliers via the All-Wales Electrosurgical Instrumentation framework.