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Dear Requester,

**FOI 1077**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.  
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Is the Trust currently under contract with regards to pressure area care mattresses? If so with whom?
2. Do you mainly use hybrids or dynamic mattresses and how many of each are used?
3. When is this contract due to end?
4. How many mattresses are in the contract?
5. Are mattresses rented, purchased or are they covered within a fully managed service contract including decontamination?
6. Does the contract cover servicing?
7. How many static (foam) mattresses on average does the Trust purchase in a year?
8. Please can you confirm the main contact point within the Trust that we could communicate with reference to pressure area care purchasing and management.
9. Is the Trust currently under contract with regards to supply and management of medical beds. If so with whom and when does this expire?
10. How many beds in each of your sites (if applicable) are intensive care beds, how many are general medical surgical beds and how many are paediatric beds and/or cots?
11. Are the paediatric cots electric or manual in operation?
12. Who is the main Procurement Manager for the Trust and can you confirm their contact details?
13. Who would manage the procurement of beds within the trust?
14. Are the beds owned, leased, or rented?
15. How old are the beds and do you plan to tender for replacements in the near future? If so when?
16. Do you have a service contract to service and maintain your beds with a third-party company or are the beds serviced in house?
17. If the contract is external, please can you tell us who this is with, is this a formal contract and will it be tendered at a future time? If so when.

**Please see attachment for response**

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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