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Subject: Sterile Services

Q1 Varies known as decontamination units, CSSDs, HSDUs, SDUs, SSDs, SSDUs, SPDs, and/or SPU, does your Trust have an in-house sterile services facility / department?
If no, please indicate this (return e-mail acceptable), and thank you for your time. No further answers are required.
If yes, please support with the following

A1 No

Q2 What instrument tracking system does the sterile service use?

A2 Not applicable, as per A1

Q3 What accreditation, if any, does the facility hold?

A3 Not applicable, as per A1

Q4 Does the facility process / resupply single "supplementary items or devices" to customers/clinical users?

A4 Not applicable, as per A1

Q5 If the facility supports/handles/supplies supplementary items, how is it defining them?

A5 Not applicable, as per A1

Q6 Looking at the following options, which of the following methods are used by sterile services for the individual tracking and traceability of supplementary / single surgical instruments?

a.

1D / traditional barcode on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user

b.

2D / QR-style barcode on a traceability tag, supplied with the instrument, and returned by the clinical user

c.

Coloured instrument tape applied to the device to indicate the owner / destination

d.

Key Dot or similar system which sticks a QR-like code on to the device

e.

Laser Marking of the device, with a 2D/ QR-style code

f.

Laser Marking of the device, with a 1D / traditional barcode

g.

Laser Marking with a name, number or other human-readable text

h.

Other (please specify)

A6 Not applicable, as per A1

Q7 Does the instrument tracking system fully-integrate with their chosen single-instrument tracking approach, or does it require third-party software, hardware, or other systems to function?

A7 Not applicable, as per A1