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**Request:**

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Query :

I am currently embarking on my third year dissertation in which I am asking the question to 'reuse or not to reuse' essentially referring to whether hospitals and ambulances are better or using single-use or reuseable linen.

As part of my research it has been relatively easy to find information on topics relating to environmental issues and infection control related but alot less easy to find information about the economics of the situation.

My request is whether you have any info on either the amount that is spent on laundry in your department annually, the amount of blankets that have to be replaced annually through wear and tear etc etc...

**Response:**

Responded: 06/07/2010

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, placed under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA)

We currently use two laundry providers at a total cost of £65,000 per year to launder our blankets and other items. We do not launder uniforms for staff.

New blankets expenditure currently sits at around £40,000 per year but that is likely to change with a different laundry tender in future.

Yours sincerely

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