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Freedom of information request

I would like to gain access to information relative to the use of catheter lock solutions within your trust (such as CitraLock, Taurolock, Heparin etc.):

1. Who is your current supplier for catheter lock solutions? (If you have more than one, please specify the supplier and brand for each product) [Wockhart via wholesaler](#)
2. Who are those suppliers and how are they selected? [Wockhart via wholesaler](#)
3. How many vendors are approved? Will this change? [This is a restricted item and we have limited use – we buy on price available](#)
4. What are the main criteria / success factors to become an approved vendor? [Licensed pharmaceutical wholesaler](#)
5. Is your facility bound by a GPO (Group Purchase Organization) contract such as the NHS Supply Chain when making lock solutions purchases?
 - a. What is the buying process? [Through finance](#)
 - b. Are you compliant? [Yes](#)
6. What is the buying process for lock solutions purchases?
 - a. Type of process (tender offers, referencing of vendors, purchasing upon needs, etc.) [Purchase as needed using just in time principles](#)
 - b. What are the key tenders in your country/region? [N/A](#)
 - c. **[If tenders / contracts]**, what is the length of the contract? [N/A](#)
 - d. Frequency [N/A](#)
 - e. Average quantity per purchase [N/A](#)
 - f. Channel (online, call, etc.) [N/A](#)
 - g. From a distributor or directly from a manufacturer? Why? [Via wholesaler to reduce deliveries](#)
7. What are the key steps (leverage points / critical purchasing steps) for purchasing catheter lock solutions products? [Product license, know supplier, Wholesale Dealer's License, best price](#)
 - a. Pre-selection of suppliers?

- b. Comparison of products?
 - c. Comparison of commercial offers?
 - d. Others?
8. Who is / are the final decision maker(s)? Pharmacy, unless there's a regional pharmacy contract
9. Does your facility allow for individual physician preferences? No
- a. If so, how hard is it to purchase these products?
 - b. How often does this occur?