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1. *I would like to know how much you spend on GOLD paint in your hospital, since 2008. In 2009, in 2010, and also in 2011.*

The Trust does not and has not used GOLD paint. We do use paint with silver ION technology anti-microbial paint for use in theatres and other areas and this has been used since late 2009.

2. *Is there any policy documents about use of paint in the hospital and excessive spending on it?*

The Trust has followed the requirements of Hospital Technical Memoranda (HTM 56) (and the NHS Firecode for surface spread of flame)

HTM 56 refers to surface finishes to be used in different area categories; these are:

HTM 56 Category 1 Areas: - Scrub Rooms, Theatres, Major Treatment Rooms
HTM 56 Category 2 Areas: - Food Preparation and Catering
HTM 56 Category 3 Areas: - Utility and Disposal Areas
HTM 56 Category 4 Areas: - Showers and Bathrooms, Laundry
HTM 56 Category 5 Areas: - Circulation Areas, Wards, Day Rooms
HTM 56 Category 6 Areas: - Administration, Offices, Staff Rooms

HTM 56 was superseded this year (June 2011) by "*Performance requirements for building elements used in healthcare facilities*" Version: 0.6: England (issued by the Department of Health) which is now followed.

The Trust follows procurement rules laid down in our Standing Financial Instructions which ensure that the products we procure represent good value for money. We currently obtain our paint from Crown Paints Ltd via an NHS framework agreement which means our expenditure is kept as low as possible without any loss of quality.