

The Trust purchases equipment and supplies in a number of ways.

Firstly, we utilise national and sub-national contracts put in place on behalf of the NHS and public sector by the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency (PASA) and the Office of Government Commerce (OGC).

Secondly, we obtain a wide range of consumable supplies from the NHS Logistics Authority (NHSLA), a Special health Authority whose purpose is to provide a warehousing and distribution service across the NHS.

Thirdly, for goods and equipment not covered by NHS PASA or OGC contracts and not provided by NHSLA, we seek quotations and tenders where the potential value of purchases exceeds thresholds specified in the Trust's Standing Orders (presently £5,000 and £20,000 respectively).

For further information on the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency see www.pasa.nhs.uk for the NHS Logistics Authority see www.logistics.nhs.uk and for the Office of Government Commerce see www.ogcbuyingsolutions.gov.uk