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Dear Suppliers,

RE: Compliance with Infection Prevention and Control Policies in the Operating Theatre Department

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing safe and effective care within the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, we wish to remind all external personnel, including supplier representatives, of their responsibilities to adhere to our Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) policies when attending the operating theatre department.

Infection prevention is a critical aspect of patient safety in our hospital, and we expect all individuals entering the operating theatre or associated areas to comply with the following key IPC protocols:

1. **Access Control:** Only authorised personnel are permitted to enter the operating theatre. Access will be granted only when essential for clinical or support purposes. Your appointment must be booked through the MIA System **48 hours in advance**. The Trust also ask that representatives clearly state why they are visiting. If, for any reason the information you provide is not clear, you will be turned away by the Trust staff.
2. **Attire:** All supplier representatives must change into the appropriate theatre attire before moving across any red lines. This includes; theatre scrubs, clogs and all hair must be contained within a theatre cap. A name badge must be worn stating your name and the company you are representing. You must be bare below the elbows at all times, only one plain band ring is permitted to be worn. No nail varnish, false nails (including any type) or long nails are permitted. Failure to comply with the ROH Uniform and Workwear Policy may result in you being denied access to the theatre department. If leaving the theatre department for any reason, you must change out of the theatre scrubs into your own attire.
3. **Hand Hygiene:** Strict adherence to hand hygiene policy is mandatory. Hands must be washed or sanitised before and after any contact with the theatre environment.
4. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** If required, additional PPE such as gowns, gloves, and eye protection, must be worn as directed by theatre staff. If you are to be involved in any surgery or need access over the demarked ultra clear air zone, you must be wearing the appropriate PPE to maintain sterility.
5. **Environmental Cleanliness:** Please ensure that any equipment brought into the theatre is cleaned and decontaminated according to hospital standards, and that the theatre area remains sterile at all times. All belongings must be stored in the designated lockers, no bags or other items are to be brought into the theatre or any of the areas off of this such as the anaesthetic room.



6. **Food & Drink:** Absolutely no food or drink is to be brought into the theatre, adjacent rooms, or any of the 'clean' areas – this must only be consumed in the designated areas, such as the theatre coffee room.

Failure to comply with these policies could result in restricted access to the operating theatre and other clinical areas, as patient safety is our utmost priority.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining high standards of hygiene and infection control within our hospital. Should you have any questions or require further clarification on the IPC requirements, please do not hesitate to contact our Infection Prevention and Control team at roh-tr.infectioncontroldiary@nhs.net.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your continued partnership in ensuring the highest standards of care and safety for our patients.

Yours sincerely,

Infection Control

The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital