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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 20- 2018

Thank you for your email dated 6th February 2018 requesting information regarding antiseptic preparations that would be applied to the skin prior to a surgical procedure.

The information that you require is as follows:

I am asking about antiseptic preparations that would be applied to the skin prior to a surgical procedure. The main purpose of these solutions is to reduce the risk of infection and therefore influence the surgical site infection rate.

Please would you tell me the number of units of the following products purchased by your hospital over the past 12 months:

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide (Nex-Clorex 2%) Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Fannin UK Ltd

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Ecolab Ltd

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Licenced Medicine (ChloraPrep) Available in various sizes - Carefusion / BD

Red Staining Dye / Liquid Available in 12 x 12ml - Ecolab Ltd

Please would you tell me the pre-operative skin preparation (ie the name of the specific product) that you use for the following procedures? Please will you specify whether the manufacturer and whether the product is a biocide or a licensed medicine
Procedure

Abdominal hysterectomy

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

Breast surgery

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

Caesarean section

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

Gastric surgery

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

Hip replacement

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

Knee replacement

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

Spinal surgery

Products used?

Biocide or licensed medicine?

Brand name?

For specific details on these procedures please refer to descriptions included within the protocol of surgical site infection surveillance.

I can confirm that our Trust does not hold any information in this regard. Our Trust is a tertiary specialist cancer treatment centre and therefore does not provide surgery at any of our sites. Therefore, the information you have requested is not applicable to our Trust in this instance.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>