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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 01-2020**

Thank you for your email dated 3rd January 2020 requesting information with regards to aseptics.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Please could you provide me with information regarding aseptically prepared products you undertake within your facility as follows.**

- 1) How much does your aseptic unit cost to run annually?**
- 2) How big is your aseptic unit in terms of square feet?**
- 3) How many aseptically prepared products do you produce annually including what type? Examples include HPN, chemotherapy drugs etc.**
- 4) How much does each aseptically prepared product cost to produce?**
- 5) What types of aseptically prepared products do you produce?**
- 6) In the aseptic compounding process, what type of consumable products do you consume daily? Examples include IPA sprays, gloves etc.**
- 7) How many members of staff do you employ within your aseptic department?**
- 8) How many clean rooms do you have in your aseptic department?**
- 9) What type of clean rooms do you currently employ within your aseptic department in terms of ISO classification?**
- 10) How many isolater cabinets do you have in your aseptic department?**

**What type of isolaters are these and how often do they require maintenance?**

**11) Do you outsource aseptic compounding activity to the private sector and how much of this is done?**

**12) How much does the aseptic department spend annually on raw materials that constitute each aseptically prepared product?**

**13) What contingency plans are in place should the aseptic department temporarily shut down for reasons such as maintenance or repairs that last longer than 5 days?**

**14) Where will aseptic preparation take place during a shut down period lasting longer than 5 days?**

**15) What is the current aseptic manufacturing capacity?**

**16) What is your current demand for aseptically prepared products i.e. average number of doses requested per day?**

**17) What is their forecasted demand over the next 3 years in aseptically prepared products?**

## **Section 12: Appropriate Limit**

**Following a scoping exercise completed by our Pharmacy Department, it has become evident that in order to meet the full requirements of this request, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. This information is not held centrally and would therefore require a member of staff to collate the information for various information sources, and manually extract the information required. It is estimated that this would take in excess of 18 hours.**

**Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit', which for local authorities is £450, or 18 hours (at £25 per hour). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days locating the documents that contain the information and extracting the relevant information containing it. This would take considerable time and cost which we estimate will exceed the "appropriate limit".**

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>