



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-304

Date: 30th November 2020

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st October 2020 (received into our office 22nd October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding products used for antiseptic skin preparation.

On 22nd October 2020 we contacted you via email as you had sent in an identical request to at University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust. We advised you that UHNS had ceased to exist from 2014 and we would be responding once.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 1) Please confirm if University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust follows NICE guidance 125 (Surgical Site Infections: Prevention and Treatment) when carrying out antiseptic skin preparation?

a. If yes, please provide a copy of University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust s most up-to-date surgical site infection prevention protocol.

A1 Please refer to the attached document,

Q2 2) How does University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust communicate the category difference between antiseptic products that are medicines vs biocides and their intended use?

a. Please share any communication materials.

A2 Antiseptic products that are not prescription only or Pharmacy only medicines can be obtained from supplies department and are listed for order on the supplies requisition sheet for wards to order.

Any prescription only or pharmacy medicines are endorsed and supplied as such by the ward pharmacist on the prescription chart. Any supplementary prescribing or administration advice is endorsed on the chart using the BNF or the products' SPC as a reference source. These are product specific and available online free of charge.

Q3 3) Can you please specify which antiseptic skin preparation products are used in University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust s operating theatres for the purposes of prevention of surgical site infections?

A3 We currently use:

- Alcohol and Aqueous Betadine Liquid
- Chloraprep Sticks
- Aqueous Chlorahexedine (when available)
- Alcohol Chlorahexidine we are, however are trying to move away from alcohol.

Q4 4) Does University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust obtain patient consent prior to surgical procedures?
a. If yes, please provide the written material that University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust uses to obtain consent

A4 Patient information leaflets are produced by EIDO and provided to patients. In addition patients may be provided with leaflets from NHSBT for blood transfusion and from specialist societies. Consent is however not just about providing a leaflet it is an on-going conversation between the patient and surgeon which is unique to each patient.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

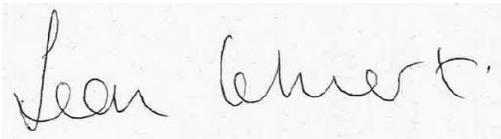
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager