



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-707

Date: 4th February 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email 15th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding pharmacy aseptic services.

Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

Existing aseptic compounding services

- 1. Does your Trust provide in-house aseptic compounding services? If yes:**
 - a. What type of aseptic products are prepared in-house (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?**
 - b. How many aseptic units does your Trust operate?**
 - c. Please confirm whether each aseptic unit operated by your trust is on-site or off-site. If off-site, please specify the location.**

- A1 The Trust does provide in-house aseptic services:**
- a. The Trust provides chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS and antibiotics.
 - b. The Trust operates one aseptic unit.
 - c. The aseptic unit is on-site and is located at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Q2 Do you outsource any aseptic compounding services to external providers (either NHS Trusts or industry providers)? If yes:

- a. To which organisations do you outsource aseptic compounding services?**
- b. What type of aseptic products are outsourced to these organisations (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?**
- c. When are these contracts due to run until?**
- d. What is the value of each of these contracts per annum?**

- A2 Yes, we outsource aseptic compounding services to external providers:**
- a. The Trust provides services to Bath ASU, Baxters and Sciensus under a framework agreement with H.T.E.
 - b. The Trust outsources Chemotherapy, SACT and antibiotics.
 - c. The contract runs to 1.7.2026
 - d. The H.T.E. framework agreement is up to the value of £14million per annum, across all suppliers

- Q3 Future plans for aseptic compounding services**
Does your Trust have plans to expand or upgrade its existing aseptic compounding facilities? If yes, please provide details.
- A3 The Trust has a planned life cycling of isolators due in 2027 within the Private Financed Initiative (PFI) facility at the Royal Stoke site.
- Q4 Are there existing or planned strategic partnerships or collaborations (with other NHS Trusts or industry providers) to expand or enhance aseptic services?**
- A4 There are no plans for strategic partnerships or collaborations at this present time.
- Q5 Are there plans to transition more services in-house or increase outsourcing for aseptic preparations? If yes, please provide detail of these plans.**
- A5 The current plan is to remain with the current service.
- Q6 Additional**
Who is the best person to contact regarding the setup of aseptic compounding services for your organisation? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible
- A6 Nicky Stringer*
Deputy Director of Pharmacy
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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 relating to the response please contact my office

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Yours,



Leah Carlisle
Head of Data, Security & Protection and Health Records
Data Protection Officer

Appendix 1: Request Clarification Details

On 16th January 2025 we contacted you via email with the following.
To continue with your request we require clarification on the timeframe you are referring to.

On the same day you clarified via email with the following.
'For question 2.d. "What is the value of each of these contracts per annum?", the timeline I am referring to is the most recent financial year for complete data, i.e. 2023/24 or 2024/25. If the data is not available per financial year, then please kindly provide the approximate value of the contract over its total length.'