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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Information requested in respect of peripheral IV cannula

Please could you kindly advise which departments and healthcare professionals within your Trust use ultrasound to support the insertion of peripheral IV cannula?

Information requested in respect of Midlines

1. Please could you also advise if you purchase midlines and if so:

a. What brand(s) of midline do you purchase?

We use three brands:

- Vygon leaderflex
- PFM powerwand
- Teleflex Arrow 4fr 20cm midline

b. What volume do you purchase on an annual basis?

This is difficult to answer as the Vascular access service only came into effect December 2018 since that time we have inserted 179 midlines however we are seeing the numbers increase each month.

- Vygon leaderflex – 69 inserted
- PFM powerwand – 104 inserted

- Teleflex Arrow 4fr 20cm midline – 6 inserted

c. Who are the main clinicians responsible within your Trust for the insertion of Midlines?

Vascular access service for inpatients

Hospital at home for community patients but only insert Vygon leaderflex

2. Please could you also advise if you purchase a midline procedure pack and if so:

We do not purchase a specific pack for the insertion of midlines

The Arrow 4fr 20cm midline comes in a full sterile procedure pack however these are rarely used only 6 inserted in past 11months

The PFM powerwand comes in a basic insertion pack

a. What is the content of the Midline insertion pack that you purchase?

The arrow procedure pack contains:

Surgical mask, surgical hat, surgical gown, sterile drapes, midline, guidewire, filter needle, introducer needles safety needle syringes 2ml 5ml and 10ml, peel away sheath and dilator, gauze pad, transducer cover, dressings, safety scalpel, catheter trimmer, sharps disposal cup, tourniquet paper tape measure, needlefree connector, injection site cap

The powerwand pack contains:

Powerwand midline with dilator, introducer needle, guidewire, extension line, securement dressing

The leaderflex and powerwand are much less invasive procedures and do not require the same level of infection control as 20cm midline.

b. What volume do you purchase on an annual basis?

As above.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Nurse and Director of Infection Prevention and Control

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