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Date: 12th February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

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:

No.

a. What type of aseptic products are prepared in-house (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?

N/A.

b. How many aseptic units does your Trust operate?

N/A.

c. Please confirm whether each aseptic unit operated by your trust is on-site or off-site. If off-site, please specify the location.

N/A.

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

Yes.

- a. **To which organisations do you outsource aseptic compounding services?**
Baxter and ITH.
- b. **What type of aseptic products are outsourced to these organisations (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?**
SACT, TPN and bespoke items for individual patient use.
- c. **When are these contracts due to run until?**
SLAs in place for Baxter and ITH expire in October-25 and September-25 respectively.
- d. **What is the value of each of these contracts per annum?**
Items are ordered per patient. As its per patient there is no overall value as such.

Future plans for aseptic compounding services

- 3. **Does your Trust have plans to expand or upgrade its existing aseptic compounding facilities? If yes, please provide details.**
No.
- 4. **Are there existing or planned strategic partnerships or collaborations (with other NHS Trusts or industry providers) to expand or enhance aseptic services?**
No.
- 5. **Are there plans to transition more services in-house or increase outsourcing for aseptic preparations? If yes, please provide detail of these plans.**
No.

Additional

- 6. **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.**
The Pharmacy Department.

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If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Masterman
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