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Date: 22nd May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 23rd April 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:

1. Does your trust use Elastomeric Infusion Devices?

Yes.

If so, please can you answer the below questions:

2. Which departments use Elastomeric Infusion Devices?

i.e. Oncology, Haematology, Urology, ENT, Surgery, Orthopaedics, OPAT, Paediatrics, Virtual wards, Palliative Care, other
OPAT, Palliative Care and Cancer Care.

3. Which brand(s) of Elastomeric Infusion Devices do you use?

i.e. Baxter Intermate, Baxter Infusor, Vygon Accufuser, Adriamed Easyflow, Nipro Surefuser+, B. Braun Easypump II, Leventon Dosi-Fuser, other
Baxter Infusor, Vygon Accufuser and B Braun.

4. Does your trust purchase pre-filled Elastomeric Infusion Devices from commercial providers?

Yes.

If yes,

a. How many do you buy pre-filled per year?

Pharmacy – 58 purchased in the last 12 months.

Cancer Care – 1,180 in the last 12 months.

b. Which drugs do you buy pre-filled?

Benzylpenicillin, Flucloxacillin, Piperacillin-tazobactam and Fluorouracil.

5. Does your trust fill Elastomeric Infusion Devices in your pharmacy aseptic unit?

No.

If yes,

a. How many do you fill in your pharmacy aseptic unit per year?

N/A.

b. Which drugs do you fill in your pharmacy aseptic unit?

N/A.

6. Does your trust fill Elastomeric Infusion Devices in patient's homes/outpatient clinic/community setting or similar environment?

Palliative care specialist nurses will fill elastomeric pumps in the ward environment – usually prior to discharge home. In some instances, we have used elastomeric pumps when the volumes have been >30mls such as Keppra. We also have had an outpatient patient who used an elastomeric pump.

If yes,

a. How many do you fill in patient's homes/outpatient clinic/community setting per year?

In the last 12 months = 0.

b. Which drugs do you fill in patient's homes/outpatient clinic/community setting?

Anticipatory medications used at the end of life for patients being transferred to a preferred place of care, which includes Midazolam, Levomepromazine, Metoclopramide, Glycopyrronium, Oxycodone, Morphine, Alfentanil and Levetiracetam.
Cancer Care = 0.

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,



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