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Response Due: 17th November 2025

Date: 17th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th October 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 request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the needles used for performing intra-articular injections of the hip, knee, and shoulder within your organisation.

Specifically, I would like to know:

1. The product name, product code, and supplier for all needles currently used for intra-articular injections of the hip, knee, and shoulder.

Product Name: Safety Hypodermic Needle 21G Green x 40mm Sterile

Product Code: FTR473.

Supplier: Becton Dickinson UK Ltd. Stock Oxford.

Product Name: Safety Hypodermic Needle 23G BLUE x 25mm Sterile

Product Code: FTR471

Supplier: Becton Dickinson UK Ltd. Stock Oxford.

Product Name: Safety Hypodermic Needle 21G x 2 inch Green Sterile

Product Code: FTR3350.

Supplier: Crest Medical Ltd.

2. Any standard operating procedures (SOPs), policies, or documented risks associated with the use of these needles for the aforementioned procedures.

- **If possible, please provide copies or links to the relevant SOPs, policies, or risk assessments.**

Please see the attached risk assessments for Sharps and Needlesticks, and for Injection Therapy.

Needle size is not generally specified in the SOPs and policies, it is usually discussed as part of the training around injections.

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,



Hazel Hendriksen
Divisional Director of Operations for Specialist Services

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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