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Response Due: 29th December 2025

Date: 30th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th November 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. Which product or products does your Trust use for pre-surgical skin antisepsis?

Ecolab Skin Disinfectant 200ml spray bottle 0.5% chlorhexidine in 70% denatured ethanol pink solution
Brand: Ecolab
Supplier: ECOLAB LTD EB & BD

Hydrex Skin Disinfectant 500ml bottle 4% chlorhexidine surgical scrub solution
Brand: Hydrex
Supplier: ECOLAB LTD EB & BD

Videne Scrub Skin Disinfectant 500ml bottle 7.5% povidone iodine surgical scrub solution
Brand: Videne Scrub
Supplier: ECOLAB LTD EB & BD

Prevase Skin Disinfectant 0.5% chlorhexidine gluconate in 70% denatured ethanol clear solution 200ml bottle
Brand: Prevase
Supplier: ECOLAB LTD EB & BD

Videne Alcoholic skin disinfectant 500ml 10% povidone iodine alcoholic solution
Brand: Videne Alcoholic
Supplier: ECOLAB LTD STOCK

Videne Ecolab skin disinfectant 200ml bottle 10% povidone videne antiseptic solution
Brand: Videne Ecolab
Supplier: ECOLAB LTD EB & BD

Chloraprep Tint Skin disinfectant sterile applicator 2% chlorhexidine gluconate in 70% IPA tinted solution
Brand: ChloraPrep Tint
Supplier: INSIGHT HEALTH LIMITED

2. Which product or products does your Trust use for skin antisepsis prior to peripheral vascular cannula insertion?

Wards use the 2% chlorhexidine skin wipes prior to phlebotomy and cannulation.

3. Which product or products does your Trust use for skin antisepsis prior to central venous line or peripherally inserted central venous line insertion?

Bd Chloraprep 2% 3ml applicator x2 when inserting PICC and midlines

4. If any of these products are categorised as biocides, for the relevant product/s:

a) Has the supplier confirmed Great Britain Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR) authorisation?

See redirection below

b) Has the Product Type been declared (PT1 Human Hygiene) ?

See redirection below

c) Does the Product Type match its use in your Trust?

Yes

d) If you use the product outside the GB BPR and Product Type authorisation, describe the governance processes that approved this use in your Trust.

Does not fall under GB BPR regs

e) Do the label and marketing materials make medicinal claims that trigger Human Medicines Regulations?

No

f) Is a current Safety Data Sheet provided with the product?

Available online

g) Are Instructions for Use attached/provided with the product?

Yes

h) Are concentration, contact time, and application methods relevant to your use of the product clearly stated and clinically appropriate?

Yes

i) Is compatibility with skin confirmed?

Yes

j) For biocidal products used for pre-surgical skin antisepsis, is compatibility with surgical materials confirmed?

N/A

k) Is clinical evidence available for the specific formulation and your use of the product?

Yes

l) Does use of the biocide align with NICE guidance?

Yes

m) If used instead of an antiseptic that has MHRA Marketing Authorisation (MA), describe the governance processes that approved the biocide use in your Trust.

N/A

n) If you use a biocide for pre-surgical skin antisepsis, do you declare this to patients and obtain their specific consent for this?

N/A

o) Have your received supplier warranty that regulatory claims and labelling are accurate?
See redirection below

p) Does your Trust have an established reporting pathway to report adverse events or incidents linked to the biocide to the Health and Safety Executive?
All incidents are reported and managed via Datix. Our COSHH policy details the process, the Health and Safety Executive would be notified under RIDDOR.

q) Does your Trust have organisational indemnity / insurance cover for harm attributed to the biocide?
Indemnity would be provided by NHS Resolution in relation to any harm caused because of negligent acts or omissions on behalf of the Trust. Cases of this type may fall under product liability, however the Trust would investigate its own involvement and refer to NHS resolution if appropriate.

This information should be held by NHS Supply Chain. Please submit a request to them using the link Freedom of Information - Supply Chain Coordination Limited

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,

Vicky Bateson
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