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Date: 11th December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th November 2023, 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. The type and number of tourniquets used for venepuncture and cannulation annually in your Hospital Trust, specifically whether you use single use (disposable) or reusable tourniquets and what material they are made out of.**

The Tourniquet used at the Trust are single use.

<u>MPC</u>	<u>Amount in Box</u>	<u>Sum of Supplied Qty</u>
501110	100	2495
5080LS692/ASEP150	150	1
580501	100	2
580502	200	2
D80.200	100	1
DT03	100	29
TBBN25	25	14

- 2. If you use a mix of both, whether there is there any Trust policy for deciding which tourniquet to use.**

The Trusts policy is to use single use tourniquets in all situations.

- 3. When you first introduced single use tourniquets, if you do use them.**

We do not hold the exact date single use tourniquets were introduced in the Trust, the historical reports only go back 5 years.

- 4. The cost per single use tourniquet/other type of tourniquet you use (or total annual cost)**

Total annual spend - £20897.01

- 5. The MRSA infection rates at your Trust, for three years either side of your introduction of single use tourniquets, referring to bloodstream infections (bacteremias) rather than surface carriage.**

2023 – 0

2022 - 0

2021 - 2

- 6. Whether you implemented any of the following infection control procedures within the same year as implementing single use tourniquets:**

- **Stricter hand hygiene policy**
- **Staff education programme on infection control procedures**
- **Screening of patients for MRSA on admission to hospital**
- **Isolation or decolonisation of patients who tested positive for MRSA**

The measures are in place and consistently applied in line with Trust Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Policies, aligned with the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual, National guidance, IPC and Trust Mandatory Education and Clinical Skills Training Programmes, Local IPC Induction and the Trust Staff IPC Education Programme, and MRSA/ MRSA Screening Policies implemented across the Trust.

The points noted are standard measures, that are consistently applied in line with IPC Requirements within the Trust irrespective of introduction of disposable tourniquets.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gardner', on a light-colored background.

Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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