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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - ELASTOMERIC INFUSION DEVICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Elastomeric Infusion Devices.

Question:

1. Which departments use Elastomeric Infusion Devices?
i.e. Oncology, Haematology, Urology, ENT, Surgery, Orthopaedics, OPAT, Paediatrics, Virtual wards, Palliative Care, other

Answer:

Yes, we use elastomeric pumps, in surgical patients for local anaesthetic infusion.

Question:

2. 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

Answer:

Dosifuser (Spirit Medical)

Question:

3. Does your trust purchase pre-filled Elastomeric Infusion Devices from commercial providers?
If yes,
How many do you buy pre-filled per year?
Which drugs do you buy pre-filled?

Answer:

We don't use prefilled pumps.

Question:

4. Does your trust fill Elastomeric Infusion Devices in your pharmacy aseptic unit?
If yes,

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How many do you fill in your pharmacy aseptic unit per year?
Which drugs do you fill in your pharmacy aseptic unit?

Answer:

Our pharmacy do not fill the pumps for us. Anaesthetists fill the pumps in theatres.

We mostly purchase the empty Baxter SV2.5 folfusor devices for haematology/oncology which are filled with 5FU (a small number of their other sizes also filled). These are filled at both St John's Hospital and Edinburgh Cancer Centre (ECC) and between the sites/sizes we fill approximately 1000 per year.

There are also Smiths Medical CADD 250ml devices filled at ECC with cytarabine and they go hand in hand with a prefilled folfusor containing sodium chloride. Usage is around 80 per year of each.

The only other drug purchased in such a device is desferrioxamine prepared by the Royal Free Hospital in Baxter Adriamed Easyflow Infusors. Less than 5 patients per year under the care of the Haematologists and approximately 500 devices purchased.

Question:

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

If yes,

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

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

Answer:

This would be recorded in the community and is not held centrally by NHS Lothian

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Yours sincerely

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