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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DEXTROSE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to dextrose prescribing.

Question:

- What quantity of 10 % Dextrose with 0.15 % KCl was used in WGH during the last 6 months? (I'd be happy for an answer relating to any defined period of more than a month and up to one year - whatever is easiest for you to answer. The timing of this could be anytime in the last two years).

Answer:

We have provided you with issues data for a 6 month period July 2025 – December 2025, for costcentres on our system identifiable as Western General Hospital (by way of costcentre description containing text “WGH”).

Please note we can confirm only that stock was issued to clinical areas for use within this time period.

As the question was a little difficult to interpret, we have included all issues for products listed below, detailing their product name on our system (with any codes that would identify supplier product stripped out), the packsize, and the quantity we issued as containers.

Our ordering setup for such fluids is variable, therefore you can ignore such text as DWD – this is purely part of our identification for how we receipt the products.

In instances where the packsize is, for example, 20 x 500mL pack, and the quantity of containers issued is 15 – this means that 15 x 20 500mL packs were issued, therefore the total number of 500mL packs issued would be 300. Again, this is due to our procurement system set up for receipt and delivery when bulk buying.

Of note, we have also included **POTASSIUM CHLORIDE STRONG (15%) 20 mmol in 10mL Injection [CD] – 20 Ampoule Pack**. As you asked for information on any prepared infusions

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containing 0.15 % KCl – please be informed that this is the product that can be sent to the wards where a product may be being diluted/prepared by the nurses, and in these instances we are unable to confirm that the final product strength was 0.15%, only that this is the amount of ampoules that *may* have been utilised in such a way, as we do not to my knowledge prepare these infusions via aseptic anymore, rather we buy them already prepared.

July 2025 - December 2025		
Medication Name	Packsize	Containers Issued
DWD GLUCOSE 10% (500mL) Intravenous Infusion	20 x 500mL Pack	15.00
DWD POTASSIUM CHLORIDE / GLUCOSE / SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.15%(20mmol) / 2.5% / 0.45% in 1000mL Intravenous Infusion	10 x 1000mL Pack	3.00
DWD POTASSIUM CHLORIDE / GLUCOSE / SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.15%(20mmol) / 4% / 0.18% in 1000mL Intravenous Infusion	10 x 1000mL Pack	101.00
DWD POTASSIUM CHLORIDE / SODIUM CHLORIDE 0.15%(20mmol) / 0.9% in 1000mL Intravenous Infusion	10 x 1000mL Pack	94.00
GLUCOSE 10% (500mL) Intravenous Infusion	500 mL Pack	77.00
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE 0.15% (20mmol) + NACL 0.9% (1000mL) Intravenous Infusion	1000 mL Pack	10.00
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE 0.15%(20mmol)GLUCOSE 4% NACL 0.18% 1000mL Intravenous Infusion	1000 mL Pack	10.00
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE STRONG (15%) 20 mmol in 10mL Injection [CD]	20 Ampoule Pack	48.50

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.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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