

FOI REF: 24/854

18th December 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Could you provide answers to the below questions for each hospital in your trust, please?

1. How many doses of each of the following strengths of Meropenem do you administer annually?

- 500mg 126
- 1 gram 1947
- 2 grams 230

2. What are the main areas of your hospital where Meropenem is used?

The main areas are Medical and Surgical Admission Areas, Respiratory and Oncology Wards but also used for other specialities.

3. What are the main conditions you use Meropenem to treat?

Sepsis, Pneumonia and Pancreatitis.

4. How do you currently administer Meropenem via bolus or infusion? If you infuse, do you use gravity or pump sets?

Infusion, using an infusion pump.

5. Where is your Meropenem currently reconstituted (e.g., wards or aseptic units)?

Wards.

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6. Do you face any challenges when administering Meropenem?

We are not aware of any challenges when administering Meropenem.

7. Do you frequently experience drug shortages of Meropenem?

We are not aware of any recent drug shortages.

8. How many medication errors do you experience per month when administering Meropenem?

Rate of 0.5 errors per month.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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