

FOI REF: 25/051

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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:

Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

Existing aseptic compounding services

1) Does your Trust provide in-house aseptic compounding services?

Yes.

If yes:

a) What type of aseptic products are prepared in-house (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?

Chemotherapy, SACT.

b) How many aseptic units does your Trust operate?

One.

c) Please confirm whether each aseptic unit operated by your trust is on-site or off-site. If off-site, please specify the location.

On-site – Conquest Hospital, St Leonards-on-Sea.

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- 2) Do you outsource any aseptic compounding services to external providers (either NHS Trusts or industry providers)?

No.

If yes:

- a) To which organisations do you outsource aseptic compounding services?

Not applicable.

- b) What type of aseptic products are outsourced to these organisations (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?

Not applicable.

- c) When are these contracts due to run until?

Not applicable.

- d) What is the value of each of these contracts per annum?

Not applicable.

Future plans for aseptic compounding services

- 3) Does your Trust have plans to expand or upgrade its existing aseptic compounding facilities? If yes, please provide details.

There are no specific plans at this time.

- 4) Are there existing or planned strategic partnerships or collaborations (with other NHS Trusts or industry providers) to expand or enhance aseptic services?

There are no specific plans at this time.

- 5) Are there plans to transition more services in-house or increase outsourcing for aseptic preparations? If yes, please provide detail of these plans.

There are no specific plans at this time.

Additional

- 6) **Who is the best person to contact regarding the setup of aseptic compounding services for your organisation? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible.**

Simon Badcott – Chief Pharmacist.

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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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