

FOI REF: 25/323

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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:

Does your trust use Elastomeric Infusion Devices? If so, please can you answer the below questions:

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

OPAT and Virtual Wards use the pumps. As we are a small trust, we do not have a defined/separate OPAT service. We utilise the Virtual Ward and District Nursing teams to set up the pumps.

- 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.)

We currently use the pre-filled Baxter infusor devices but are in the process of switching over to the self-fill B Braun Easypump II device.

- 3) **Does your trust purchase pre-filled Elastomeric Infusion Devices from commercial providers?**

Yes.

If yes,

- a) **How many do you buy pre-filled per year?**

We buy approximately 800 pre-filled per year, based on our 2024 figures.

- b) **Which drugs do you buy pre-filled?**

We buy piperacillin/tazobactam and flucloxacillin pre-filled.

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4) Does your trust fill Elastomeric Infusion Devices in your pharmacy aseptic unit?

No, as our aseptic unit has no capacity for this.

If yes,

a) How many do you fill in your pharmacy aseptic unit per year?

Not applicable.

b) Which drugs do you fill in your pharmacy aseptic unit?

Not applicable.

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

Currently no, but we are in the process of switching over to this service model using the B Braun Easypump II. This is primarily due to lengthy lead times and costs associated with the pre-filled devices.

We expect our numbers to be similar to the pre-filled annual usage, and will fill the pumps with the same antibiotics. We may potentially expand the roster of drugs used in the pumps but this is for future consideration.

If yes,

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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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