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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:

1. **Which product or products does your Trust use for pre-surgical skin antisepsis?**

   East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) use the following products for pre-surgical skin antisepsis:

   - 2% Chlorhexidine via applicator or solution
   - Iodine solution

2. **Which product or products does your Trust use for skin antisepsis prior to peripheral vascular cannula insertion?**

   ESHT use 1ml Chlorhexidine BD preparation prior to peripheral vascular cannula insertion.

3. **Which product or products does your Trust use for skin antisepsis prior to central venous line or peripherally inserted central venous line insertion?**

   ESHT use the following products for skin antisepsis prior to central venous line or peripherally inserted central venous line insertion:

   - 1ml Chloraprep peripheral cannulation
   - 2 x 3mls Chloraprep for a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) or a central venous catheter (CVC), or 10mls if 3mls not available.

4. **If any of these products are categorised as biocides, for the relevant product/s:**

   ESHT does not use any biocidal products for any skin preparation or antisepsis prior to surgery, cannulation or CVC lines. The products we use are licensed for medical use and specifically for surgery preparation.

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**a. Has the supplier confirmed Great Britain Biocidal Products Regulation (GB BPR) authorisation?**

Not applicable.

**b. Has the Product Type been declared (PT1 Human Hygiene)?**

These products have been purchased through NHS Supply Chain. Please refer this part of your request direct to them via the following email address:

FOI@supplychain.nhs.uk

**c. Does the Product Type match its use in your Trust?**

Yes.

**d. If you use the product outside the GB BPR and Product Type authorisation, describe the governance processes that approved this use in your Trust.**

Not applicable.

**e. Do the label and marketing materials make medicinal claims that trigger Human Medicines Regulations?**

Please refer to question 4b.

**f. Is a current Safety Data Sheet provided with the product?**

Please refer to question 4b.

**g. Are Instructions for Use attached/provided with the product?**

Yes.

**h. Are concentration, contact time, and application methods relevant to your use of the product clearly stated and clinically appropriate?**

Yes, and included in ESHT guidelines.

**i. Is compatibility with skin confirmed?**

Yes.

**j. For biocidal products used for pre-surgical skin antisepsis, is compatibility with surgical materials confirmed?**

Not applicable; please refer to question 3.

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**k. Is clinical evidence available for the specific formulation and your use of the product?**

Yes.

**l. Does use of the biocide align with NICE guidance?**

Not applicable.

**m. If used instead of an antiseptic that has MHRA Marketing Authorisation (MA), describe the governance processes that approved the biocide use in your Trust.**

Not applicable.

**n. If you use a biocide for pre-surgical skin antisepsis, do you declare this to patients and obtain their specific consent for this?**

Not applicable.

**o. Have your received supplier warranty that regulatory claims and labelling are accurate?**

Please refer to question 4b.

**p. Does your Trust have an established reporting pathway to report adverse events or incidents linked to the biocide to the Health and Safety Executive?**

Yes, although not applicable as ESHT does not use biocidal products for any skin preparation or antisepsis prior to surgery, cannulation or CV lines.

**q. Does your Trust have organisational indemnity / insurance cover for harm attributed to the biocide?**

The Trust has indemnity provided by NHS Resolution in the event of a claim.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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