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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Please could you assist with answering the following questions on Nasogastric tubes:

1. NG Tube Procurement / Usage Volume

Please provide the following for the most recent full financial year available:

Total number of nasogastric (NG) tubes purchased or issued by the Trust if available, a breakdown by:

- **Tube type (e.g. fine bore, wide bore)**
- **Adult vs paediatric usage**

Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-385', for the number of NG tubes purchased by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

2. Patient Usage

The number of unique patients who required an NG tube during the same period. The total number of patient episodes involving NG tube use (if different from unique patients)

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the information requested above. To enable the Trust to provide this information it would require a manual review of the individual health records of all patients, across all clinical areas who had purchased NG tubes, to assess if they had used an NG tube and what the associated usage was. Given the number of clinical areas that have purchased NG tubes and the volume of patients they treat in a year, it is impossible to confirm how much time would be required but it would most certainly be in excess of 18 hours. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the

armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

3. Average Usage Per Patient

The average number of NG tubes used per patient (or per patient episode) If this metric is not routinely calculated, any approximate or derived figure would be helpful.

Section 12(1) applied, please refer to question 2.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
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Core Hours of Business: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

FOI 26/385 - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

| MPC | Description | Requisition point name | Requisition point code | UOI | Qty |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----|
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | CONQUEST DE CHAM WARD | 5V8035 | Box 5 | 1 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | MICHELHAM WARD (GASTRO) | 5V0238 | Box 5 | 2 |
| NC08.120ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 120cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane With Insertion Safety Pack With ENFit connector | CONQUEST ENDOSCOPY DEPT | 5V8024 | Box 5 | 1 |
| NCI08.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST A & E 0201 | 5V8051 | Box 25 | 1 |
| 31104 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 4fg 75cm 7 days indwelling time PVC closed tip 2 side eyes Xray opaque line graduated paediatric incubator length luer connection | X RAY DEPT DGH | 5V0011 | Each 1 | 20 |
| 31105 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 5fg 75cm 7 days indwelling time PVC closed tip 2 side eyes Xray opaque line graduated paediatric incubator length luer connection | X RAY DEPT DGH | 5V0011 | Each 1 | 30 |
| 31106 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 6fg 75cm 7 days indwelling time PVC closed tip 2 side eyes Xray opaque line graduated paediatric incubator length luer connection | X RAY DEPT DGH | 5V0011 | Each 1 | 10 |
| 94569 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 110cm 6 To 8 Weeks Indwelling Time Polyurethane Xray Opaque Enfit Connector | JEVINGTON WARD | 5V0023 | Each 1 | 9 |
| 42-9368 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 91cm can be used for as long as the tube is functioning Polyurethane Radiopaque Regular Cm Markings Guidewire Dual port anticlog tip Unweighted with ENFit connectors | CONQUEST ITU | 5V8037 | Each 1 | 20 |
| CF01.10.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 10fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | ICU DEPT DGH | 5V0033 | Box 25 | 3 |
| CF01.10.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 10fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | THEATRES DGH | 5V0031 | Box 25 | 2 |
| CF01.12.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 12fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | CONQUEST ITU | 5V8037 | Box 25 | 6 |
| CF01.12.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 12fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | GARDNER WARD | 5V8159 | Box 25 | 2 |
| CF01.12.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 12fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | ICU DEPT DGH | 5V0033 | Box 25 | 2 |
| CF01.12.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 12fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | WELLINGTON MEDICINE | 5V0257 | Box 25 | 1 |
| CF01.14.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 14fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | ICU DEPT DGH | 5V0033 | Box 25 | 3 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | CONQUEST BAIRD MAU | 5V0112 | Box 5 | 5 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | CONQUEST ITU | 5V8037 | Box 5 | 24 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | DEVONSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CARE | 5V0263 | Box 5 | 2 |

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| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | EAST DEAN STROKE UNIT EDGH | 5V0027 | Box 5 | 109 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | ENDOSCOPY DGH | 5V0005 | Box 5 | 2 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | FRISTON SURGICAL WARD | 5V0239 | Box 5 | 10 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | GARDNER WARD | 5V8159 | Box 5 | 4 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | HAILSHAM 4 UROLOGY | 5V1034 | Box 5 | 15 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | ICU DEPT DGH | 5V0033 | Box 5 | 13 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | JEVINGTON WARD | 5V0023 | Box 5 | 11 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | MICHELHAM WARD (GASTRO) | 5V0238 | Box 5 | 36 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | THEATRES DGH | 5V0031 | Box 5 | 14 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | TRESSELL INTERMEDIATE CARE WRD | 5V0266 | Box 5 | 2 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | WELLINGTON MEDICINE | 5V0257 | Box 5 | 1 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | WESTHAM | 5V0025 | Box 5 | 10 |
| NC08.120ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 120cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane With Insertion Safety Pack With ENFit connector | CONQUEST WELLINGTON WARD | 5V8014 | Box 5 | 5 |
| NC08.120ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 120cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane With Insertion Safety Pack With ENFit connector | DE CHAM GASTRO | 5V0256 | Box 5 | 14 |
| NC08.120ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 120cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane With Insertion Safety Pack With ENFit connector | EAST DEAN STROKE UNIT EDGH | 5V0027 | Box 5 | 3 |
| NC08.120ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 120cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane With Insertion Safety Pack With ENFit connector | WELLINGTON MEDICINE | 5V0257 | Box 5 | 6 |
| NCF08.90 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg x 90cm at least 90 indwelling time polyurethane radiopaque stripe graduated open end 2 side eyes no stylet ENFit connector | EAST DEAN STROKE UNIT EDGH | 5V0027 | Box 25 | 2 |
| NGS291ZT | Securement device Nasogastric 4.5cm x 7.6cm for Nasal Gastric Tubes Latex Free Hypoallergenic | HAILSHAM 4 UROLOGY | 5V1034 | Pack 50 | 4 |
| NGS291ZT | Securement device Nasogastric 4.5cm x 7.6cm for Nasal Gastric Tubes Latex Free Hypoallergenic | ICU DEPT DGH | 5V0033 | Pack 50 | 2 |
| CF01.14.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 14fg 92cm 7-10 Day Indwelling Time PVC Radiopaque ENFit Connector with fixation plaster and record of insertion sticker | BENSON TRAUMA WARD CONQ | 5V0143 | Box 25 | 1 |

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| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | BERWICK WARD DGH | 5V0024 | Box 5 | 9 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | LITLINGTON ELDERLY CARE WARD | 5V011C | Box 5 | 1 |
| NC08.120ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 120cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane With Insertion Safety Pack With ENFit connector | CONQUEST MACDONALD WARD | 5V0114 | Box 5 | 2 |
| 42-9368 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 91cm can be used for as long as the tube is functioning Polyurethane Radiopaque Regular Cm Markings Guidewire Dual port anticlog tip Unweighted with ENFit connectors | CHILD COMM NURSING SCOTT UNIT | 5V00E8 | Each 1 | 23 |
| 42-9368 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 91cm Polyurethane Radiopaque Regular Cm Markings Guidewire Dual port anticlog tip Unweighted with ENFit connectors | CHILD COMM NURSING SCOTT UNIT | 5V00E8 | Each 1 | 4 |
| LG8/50 | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 50cm Polyurethane cm markings radiopaque stripe with ENFIT connector | CHILD. COMM. NURSING KIPLING | 5VC396 | Box 50 | 1 |
| NC08.092ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 92cm at least 90 day indwelling time polyurathane with insertion safety pack with ENFit connector | CHILD. COMM. NURSING KIPLING | 5VC396 | Box 5 | 2 |
| NCI05.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 5fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CHILD COMM NURSING SCOTT UNIT | 5V00E8 | Box 25 | 1 |
| NCI05.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 5fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST KIPLING CHILDRENS WD | 5V8011 | Box 25 | 2 |
| NCI05.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 5fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST SPECIAL CARE BABY UNT | 5V1106 | Box 25 | 11 |
| NCI06.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 6fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CHILD COMM NURSING SCOTT UNIT | 5V00E8 | Box 25 | 4 |
| NCI06.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 6fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CHILD. COMM. NURSING KIPLING | 5VC396 | Box 25 | 1 |
| NCI06.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 6fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST KIPLING CHILDRENS WD | 5V8011 | Box 25 | 3 |
| NCI06.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 6fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST SPECIAL CARE BABY UNT | 5V1106 | Box 25 | 9 |
| NCI08.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CHILD COMM NURSING SCOTT UNIT | 5V00E8 | Box 25 | 4 |
| NCI08.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CHILD. COMM. NURSING KIPLING | 5VC396 | Box 25 | 18 |
| NCI08.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST KIPLING CHILDRENS WD | 5V8011 | Box 25 | 7 |
| NCI08.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CONQUEST SPECIAL CARE BABY UNT | 5V1106 | Box 25 | 1 |
| NCI10.075ISOSAF | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 10fg 75cm at least 90 Day Indwelling Time Polyurethane Radiopaque Stripe ENFit connector | CHILD. COMM. NURSING KIPLING | 5VC396 | Box 25 | 2 |
| NGP8/55L | Feeding Tube Nasogastric 8fg 55cm Polyurethane cm Markings Xray Opaque Fine Bore with Guidewire and ENFIT Connector | CHILD COMM NURSING SCOTT UNIT | 5V00E8 | Each 1 | 26 |