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East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

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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 provide the following information for the most recent 24-month period (or most recent available):

1) Total usage (units/ampoules) of acetylcholine chloride for intraocular irrigation.

666 vials (20mg per vial) i.e. 13,320mg.

2) A breakdown of usage by product, including:

a) MIPHTEL 20mg

102 vials.

b) Any other branded or unbranded acetylcholine chloride products.

564 vials (20mg Per vial).

3) How many units of MIPHTEL were purchased/used, and from which suppliers (e.g., AAH, Alliance, Healthnet Homecare, Nordic Pharma)?

149 vials, all from AAH Hospital Service.

4) Details of any alternative products used for intraoperative miosis when acetylcholine chloride is required.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not use an alternative product.

5) Whether the Trust uses or sources any generic versions of acetylcholine chloride; if so, please provide product name, supplier, and usage.

Product Name	Supplier Name
Acetylcholine 20mg!Powder For Intraocular Irrigat (Unl)	Durbin Plc
Acetylcholine 20mg!Powder For Intraocular Irrigat (Unl)	Orifarm Uk Limited
Acetylcholine 20mg!Powder For Intraocular Irrigat (Unl)	Alium Medical Ltd

Please note we do not record the usage associated to a particular supplier.

6) **Any supply issues experienced with MIPHTEL or acetylcholine chloride in the last 24 months.**

Yes.

7) **Please can you provide the email and the named person for pharmacy procurement.**

According to our Freedom of Information Policy, we only release the names of staff on Band 8a and above. The post of Pharmacy Procurement Manager is below a Band 8a and therefore the details requested cannot be provided.

I can confirm however that our Pharmacy Operations Manager is Beth Attwood and has overall responsibility for the Pharmacy Procurement Manager's roles.

Email: esh-tr.pharmacyprocurement@nhs.net

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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