

Reference Number: FOI/LHCH/2015158
From: Commercial
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Subject: Nasogastric tubes

- Q1 Please can you confirm the number of nasogastric tubes procured by the Trust for the financial year 2014/15
- Q2 Please indicate the split for Naso Gastric tubes procured by the Trust across the following areas:
- General ward
 - High Dependency Unit
 - Intensive Care Unit
 - Nasogastric tubes supplied for Home use
 - Other (please specify)
- Q3 Please indicate if the trust is compliant with the Patient Safety Alert NPSA/2011/PSA002: Reducing the harm caused by misplaced nasogastric feeding tubes in adults, children and infants.
- Q4 During insertion of a new NG tube can you please confirm the 1st line method for confirming the correct placement.
- Q5 Please provide details of the hospital performance against the NPSA Standard to record and document the confirmation of the pH aspirate prior to feeding through a Naso Gastric Tube.
- Q6 Please indicate the number of chest x-rays requested to confirm the correct position of a nasogastric tube when pH aspiration has not been successful
- Q7 Please indicate the number of number of chest x-rays identified in Question 6 with recorded interpretation in patient's notes
- Q8 Please indicate the number / proportion of patients identified in Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) monthly delayed discharge reports "Awaiting care package in own home" where the lack of capacity to aspirate an NG tube prior to feeding was highlighted in the delayed discharge report in 2014/15
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Freedom of Information Request

Question 1	Please can you confirm the number of nasogastric tubes procured by the Trust for the financial year 2014/15	374										Comments		
Question 2	Please indicate the split for Naso Gastric tubes procured by the Trust across the following areas	General ward	79	High Dependency Unit	45	Intensive Care Unit	247	Nasogastric tubes supplied for Home use	0	Other (Please specify)	3 (Theatre)	Comments		
Question 3	Please indicate if the trust is compliant with the Patient Safety Alert NPSA/2011/PSA002: Reducing the harm caused by misplaced nasogastric feeding tubes in adults, children and infants.	Yes/No	Yes										Comments	The trust is compliant with NPSA /2011/pSA00. All staff attending preceptor ship, receive a 2hr education session on safe nasogastric feeding, they have a work manual and competency book that gets signed off, also includes demonstration of measuring and testing PH.
Question 4	During insertion of a new NG tube can you please confirm the 1st line method for confirming the correct placement.	X Ray Yes/No		pH Aspiration Yes/No	X	Other							Comments	The first line of testing is taught that it is PH measurement; Although Drs do tend to also request cxr.
Question 5	Please provide details of the hospital performance against the NPSA Standard to record and document the confirmation of the pH aspirate prior to feeding through a Naso Gastric Tube.	%	64%										Comments	Information provided from our recent audit on NG Feeding. Which covered 3-months (July, August & September 2014)
Question 6	Please indicate the number of chest x-rays requested to confirm the correct position of a nasogastric tube when pH aspiration has not been successful	65%										Comments		
Question 7	Please indicate the number of number of chest x-rays identified in Question 6 with recorded interpretation in patient's notes	94%										Comments		
Question 8	Please indicate the number / proportion of patients identified in HSCIC monthly delayed discharge reports "Awaiting care package in own home" where the lack of capacity to aspirate an NG tube prior to feeding was highlighted in the delayed discharge report	Number	0	%	0							Comments		