

Reference Number: FOI/2020/300
From: Commercial
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Subject: Products used for the purposes of antiseptic skin preparation prior to invasive surgery

I would like to obtain specific information regarding the products used for the purposes of antiseptic skin preparation prior to invasive surgery on patients undergoing procedures in Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Q1 Please confirm if Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust follows NICE guidance 125 (Surgical Site Infections: Prevention and Treatment) when carrying out antiseptic skin preparation?

- If yes, please provide a copy of Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's most up-to-date surgical site infection prevention protocol.

A1 There is currently no published protocol/procedure. Steps taken to prevent Surgical Site Infection in line with NICE guidance 125 are documented for each patient as part of their EPR documentation.

Q2 How does Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust communicate the category difference between antiseptic products that are medicines vs biocides and their intended use?

- Please share any communication materials.

A2 Antiseptic and biocides are stored in a large metal cabinet in the theatre store room. The cabinet and shelves are labelled so the correct solution is in the correct place.

Q3 Can you please specify which antiseptic skin preparation products are used in Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's operating theatres for the purposes of prevention of surgical site infections?

A3 First choice unless contraindicated: BD CloraPrep™ with Tint applicator (2% chlorhexidine gluconate w/v in 70% Isopropyl Alcohol)

We also use:

- Ecolab Videne Antiseptic solution (10% w/w povidone-iodine)
- Ecolab Chlorhexidine 2% skin disinfectant (2% chlorhexidine gluconate w/v in 70% Isopropyl alcohol)

Q4 Does Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust obtain patient consent prior to surgical procedures?

- If yes, please provide the written material that Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust uses to obtain consent.

A4 Yes.

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public access to information held by public authorities. This right covers all recorded information held by a public authority; public authorities only have to provide information they already have in recorded form, they do not have to create new information or respond to general questions and the Act doesn't confer any explicit right to copies of original documents.

Section 8 of the Act states that one requirement for a request for information to be valid is that it describes the information being requested, therefore please advise what particular information you are requesting in respect of the documents listed. If however you are a patient of the Trust due to attend for a particular procedure please advise which procedure and we will be able to provide a copy of the consent form specific to your procedure.

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