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Subject: Use of ultrasound to support the insertion of peripheral IV cannula

Q1 Please could you kindly advise which departments and healthcare professionals within your Trust use ultrasound to support the insertion of peripheral IV cannula?

A1 Within Critical Care we do not routinely use ultra sound for the insertion of peripheral IV cannula, we would only use this if there was poor access or we were having difficulties in insertion. Insertions carried out by Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Outreach Team or anaesthetists – all with specific training

Within the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) team it is the Registrars that occasionally use an ultrasound machine to help with particularly difficult cannulation. This is in very rare circumstances.

Q2 Please could you also advise if you purchase midlines and if so:

- a. What brand(s) of midline do you purchase?
- b. What volume do you purchase on an annual basis?
- c. Who are the main clinicians responsible within your Trust for the insertion of Midlines?

A2

- a. Vygon Lifecath Midline Pur
- b. 50 ordered in Financial Year 2018/19
- c. Advanced Nurse Practitioners; Outreach Nurses within Critical Care Team and Cystic Fibrosis Nurse Specialists, Respiratory Registrar's and SHO's within the CF Team.

Q3 Please could you also advise if you purchase a midline procedure pack and if so:

- a. What is the content of the Midline insertion pack that you purchase?
- b. What volume do you purchase on an annual basis?

A3 No we do not purchase procedure packs

- a) Information not held – not purchased
- b) Information not held – not purchased