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Response Due: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

## **INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

### **You asked:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the surgical team at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

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 Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

**1) Please confirm if Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust follows NICE guidance 125 (Surgical Site Infections: Prevention and Treatment) when carrying out antiseptic skin preparation? Yes**

**a. If yes, please provide a copy of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust s most up-to-date surgical site infection prevention protocol.**

Please see attachment.

**2) How does Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust communicate the category difference between antiseptic products that are medicines vs biocides and their intended use?**

Changes to products their uses and recommendations would come via the company or pharmacy, this would then be added to the scrub training programme and communicated at the daily safety huddle, which occurs every morning for theatre staff and discussed at team brief.

**a. Please share any communication materials.**

Please see attachment re: Skill Development.

**3) Can you please specify which antiseptic skin preparation products are used in Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust s operating theatres for the purposes of prevention of surgical site infections?**

Chlorahexprep with tint, Hydrex pink and Videne Antiseptic solution

**4) Does Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust obtain patient consent prior to surgical procedures? Yes**

**a. If yes, please provide the written material that Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust uses to obtain consent.**

Please see attachment re: consent to examination.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Lyon  
Director of Operations – Surgery Division

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

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