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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012120

With reference to your FOI request in connection with 'Re-admissions/cleaning companies/pharmacy' please see response below.

I would like to know how many people over 65 die or are re-admitted to hospital within a six week period after being discharged from hospital either home or to a rest home or care home, but not including those who are discharged into a hospice.

The Trust has read this question to mean:

I would like to know how many people over 65 die after being discharged from hospital within a six week period (either home or to a rest home or care home, but not including those who are discharged into a hospice).

The Trust does not hold information for out of hospitals deaths.

I would like to know how many people over 65 are re-admitted to hospital within a six week period after being discharged from hospital either home or to a rest home or care home, but not including those who are discharged into a hospice

The Trust does not routinely record/report re-admissions within 6 weeks.

I would like to know what checks are made to ensure that cleaning companies that are employed by the Hospitals are using disinfectant, not just soapy water.

For general cleaning only GP solution and water is required. This is basically soapy water When there is or are concerns with infection, chlorine based solutions are used. This is stipulated by Infection control and is as specified by the Department of Health. We do not use disinfectant.

I would like to know what checks are made on the medicines supplied by the pharmacy now that they can source them from any company.

The following checks are made;-

Medicines check – licensed status of medicine. Health & Safety / storage requirements. That it has the correct Licensing indications for our use –(but may be used off-label). On arrival, check of physical appearance of medicines following our 'Suspected Defective or Falsified Medicines' procedure Regional contract lines are assessed by Quality Assurance Pharmacists from a number of different Hospital Trusts, on behalf of CMU. If we need to purchase Specials or imports, they are purchased from MHRA Licensed manufacturing units or Licensed importers We also look for the availability of English data.

Suppliers check – Have MHRA Wholesaler Dealer Authorisation, Licensed Pharmacy status. Health Trust Europe Wholesaler framework. Due diligence of CMU for contract products. Due diligence of HTE for their frameworks.

Homecare suppliers – HTE framework/CMU/ manufacturer of medicine We have SLA's with Homecare providers. .

For Specials –Check manufacturer has a MHRA Licensed manufacturing unit