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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013683 – Tourniquets

This information relates to venous tourniquets used for phlebotomy procedures and not to surgical tourniquets used for exsanguination of limbs or extremities.

1) Does the trust use single use venous tourniquets, reusable tourniquets or both ? - Both

2) What is the annual spend/usage on each category of tourniquet ? –

For the period 01.04.16 to 31.03.17 the Trust ordered 157,148 tourniquets at a cost of £12,630.83. All the tourniquets ordered were single use.

3) How many reported incidences of tourniquets being inadvertently left on a patients arm have there been in the past 5 years –

13 incidences involving tourniquets have been recorded. Please note that the level of detail on the incident report does not determine whether the incidences were for phlebotomy, cannulation or surgical/treatment intervention

4) What is the value if any, of any litigation costs associated with any such incidences ? - None