

Freedom of Information request 013927

Please would you consider this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am asking about antiseptic preparations that would be applied to the skin prior to a surgical procedure. The main purpose of these solutions is to reduce the risk of infection and therefore influence the surgical site infection rate.

Please would you tell me the number of units of the following products purchased by your hospital over the past 12 months:

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide (Nex-Clorex 2%) Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Fannin UK Ltd - **Zero**

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Ecolab Ltd - **200ml – zero, 500ml 3409 bottles**

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Licenced Medicine (ChloraPrep) Available in various sizes - Carefusion / BD - **Zero**

Red Staining Dye / Liquid Available in 12 x 12ml - Ecolab Ltd - **451 x 12ml units**

Please would you tell me the pre-operative skin preparation (ie the name of the specific product) that you use for the following procedures? Please will you specify whether the manufacturer and whether the product is a biocide or a licenced medicine.

Procedure

- **Abdominal hysterectomy -**
 - o **Products used?** - 10% W/W Alcholic Tincture (Iodinated Povidose)
 - o **Biocide or licenced medicine?** - Licensed
 - o **Brand name?** Ecolab

- **Breast surgery**
 - o **Products used?** - Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA OR 0.05% W/V cutaneous solution chlorhexidine gluconate OR 10% W/W cutaneous solution iodinated povidose antiseptic
 - o **Biocide or licenced medicine?** - Biocide/licensed/licensed
 - o **Brand name?** - Ecolab/Medlock Medical/Ecolab

- **Caesarean section**
 - o **Products used?** - Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA
 - o **Biocide or licenced medicine?** - Biocide
 - o **Brand name?** - Ecolab

- **Gastric surgery**
 - o **Products used?** - 10% W/W Alcholic Tincture (Iodinated Povidose)
 - o **Biocide or licenced medicine?** - Licensed
 - o **Brand name?** - Ecolab

- **Hip replacement**
 - o **Products used?** - Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA
 - o **Biocide or licensed medicine?** - Biocide
 - o **Brand name?** - Ecolab

- **Knee replacement**
 - o **Products used?** - Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA
 - o **Biocide or licensed medicine?** - Biocide
 - o **Brand name?** - Ecolab

- **Spinal surgery**
 - o **Products used?** - 10% W/W Alcoholic Tincture (Iodinated Povidone)
 - o **Biocide or licensed medicine?** - Licensed
 - o **Brand name?** - Ecolab

For specific details on these procedures please refer to descriptions included within the protocol of surgical site infection surveillance.

If your hospital covers more than one site or the surgical teams use different protocols then