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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response attached to your original request.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust				Please provide a response to the questions below in accordance with further detail outlined in the Freedom of Information Request letter titled 'Antibiotic Administration Set Line Flushing'	
Question Number	Question	Community IV Team	Please answer using the drop down boxes where provided or using free text where no drop box is provided.	Additional Comments	Guidance notes for answering question
1a	With regards to administration sets (pump and gravity) used to infuse IV antibiotics, does your institution have a policy to flush the administration set to give the full dose of antibiotics in accordance with guidelines?	The Community IV Team follows the OPAT policy which advocates the full flush of a compatible product after the administration of IVAs through the giving set	no	Guidance from NIVAS with regards to "line flushing" is not reflected in the Trusts Medicines Modification. Medication is in accordance with the Medicines Management Policy. There has been no advice within the Trust as yet with regards to flushing the administration sets to ensure the residual volume is administered.	Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology
1b	If yes to question 1a, is your organisation fully compliant with your policy to flush the administration set to give the full dose of antibiotics in accordance with guidelines?			N/A	Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology NIVAS full report
1c	With regards to administration sets (pump and gravity) used to infuse IV antibiotics, if you do have a policy in place to flush the administration set, have you audited compliance with this policy?	An audit is not required as best practice is followed		N/A	NIVAS full report Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology
2a	Can you share the audit results (if yes, please can you provide a copy)?			N/A	Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology
2b	What education have you put in place to ensure healthcare professionals in your organisation understand the patient risks involved with failing to flush the residual volume of IV antibiotics in the administration sets?	All community IV team staff follow this best practice	N/A	Present training reflects current Trust Policy as outlined in the additional comments in 1a.	Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology
2c	What education have you put in place to ensure healthcare professionals in your organisation understand the patient risks involved with failing to flush the residual volume of IV antibiotics on antimicrobial resistance?	It is part of staff induction when administering IV antibiotics in the community	N/A	Present training reflects current Trust Policy as outlined in the additional comments in 1a.	Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology
4	4a. Complete administration set (including drip chamber with sharp) is disposed of into the yellow bag. 4b. Complete administration set (including drip chamber with sharp) is disposed of into the orange bag. 4c. Complete administration set (including drip chamber with sharp) is disposed of into the sharp bin. 4d. Drip chamber/sharp are detached from the administration set line and the drip chamber/sharp disposed of in the sharp bin and the rest of the administration set line disposed of in the orange bag. 4e. Drip chamber/sharp is detached from the administration set line and the drip chamber/sharp disposed of in the sharp bin and the rest of the administration set line disposed of in the orange bag.		no no yes no no no	see response to question 4c. see response to question 4c. During training we advise candidates to not disconnect the sharp from the bag before disposal and to dispose into sharps bin (dependent on yellow/purple lid requirements). This is in accordance with the Trusts Sharps Handling Policy, and the Trusts Waste Management Policy. See also the response below. Section 4.11 Of the Trusts Sharps Handling Policy states that - Employees must - Keep the handling of sharps to a minimum. Do not take the device apart unless unavoidable. at above	Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology
4f. Other (please state)			N/A		Please exclude the following areas from your response; paediatrics, oncology and haematology