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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Ref: FOI-000178

Date: 31/7/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

I am writing to The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am outlining my query as specifically as possible to assist you with this request. I would like to know:

Q1a) Is any of the product(s) purchased/used in your hospital contain Chitin/Chitosan (e.g. surgical sutures, materials in wound healing/tissue engineering/dentistry/drug delivery)?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2a.

If the answer to Q1a is No then:

Q1b) Do you plan on utilizing products containing Chitin/Chitosan in the next two years?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1b is No, you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

If the answer to Q1b is Yes, answer Q2a and then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

Q2a) What product(s) do you have in the hospital (or intend to purchase) that dgft.foi@nhs.net contains Chitin/Chitosan?

Q2b) For each product listed in response to Question Q2a, could you please provide the following details:

- The product's brand name.
- The purpose of the product and in which department it is used.
- The approximate volume of the product used/purchased over the last financial year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023).

Q3) Has the hospital received any complaints or filed any cases of side effects from using the Chitin/Chitosan product(s) mentioned above? If so, please provide detail of the following:

- a) Number of cases in years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- b) description of the most three common side effects
- c) Which product(s) caused the most commonly seen side effects

Q4) Is there any limitation(s), certification(s), or regulatory requirement(s) that are bounded when utilizing Chitin/Chitosan in the hospital (i.e. ISO standards or Ethics, etc)? If so, please specify.

Q5) Is the hospital currently or will be promoting any new products containing chitin or chitosan?

Response

Not known. We have checked with our Procurement Department and it is not something that they monitor.

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
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