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**Date:** 14/8/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

I would be grateful if you could reply to the attached FOI request for assessing the environment impact of cannulation in NHS trusts and hospitals.

I am writing to you due to an enquiry I have regarding information on your use of cannulas in your trust.

1. How many Adult or Paediatric cannulation procedures (Peripheral Cannula passed) were done in your trust in the past financial year? This can be estimated figure (from number of cannulas purchased) or actual if any such records are kept by the trust - please see attached spreadsheet - For a copy of the spreadsheet please contact [dgft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.foi@nhs.net)

2. Do you use any form of prepacked cannulation kits that provide all appropriate equipment needed? These are manufactured outside the hospital and delivered as one whole pack, or the items are purchased / used separately.

- Purchase prepacks kits containing all necessary components (Braun) as well as single cannulas, NHSSC

3. Which type of cannula is used / preferred at your trust or hospital? There are two types – one with safety mechanism E.g., BD or Vygon or ones without safety. The safety cannulas are designed to prevent needle stick injuries.

- Safety Cannula's are standard throughout Trust

4. Does the trust / hospital use any particular cannula more than others and if so what is the name of manufacturer(s) and breakdown of their supply e-g leading manufactures are BD, Vygon, etc

- Braun are our standard

5. Is there any breakdown of cannulas used by their size / gauge (e-g 22G Blue / 20G pink) ?

-we use all sizes in different areas, most common Pink 20g & Blue 22g

6. Do you use the NHS supply chain or purchase these cannulas / cannulation packs directly independent suppliers / distributors or companies within your trust? If so, please can we be provided with the supplier(s) / distributor (s) name(s) and breakdown of items purchase in last financial year

-NHSSC Only

7. What is the total number of hospital beds you have within your trust and its occupied capacity?

- Average number of beds across the period (inc escalation beds) = 609, based on 22/23 financial year  
Average % Occupancy for the period = 94%

8. What is the total number of annual attendance in the following departments: the responses below based on financial year 22/23

- i) Accident and Emergency - (type 1 only) = 109,576
- ii) Surgical Assessments Unit - Surgical SDEC (EMERGENCY SURGERY HUB AREA 1) = 15,012
- iii) Medical Day Unit / Medical Admission Units - (Acute Medical Units's =AMU A4, AMU Assessment, AMU1, AMU2 ) = 10985

9. What is the annual budget for clinical waste disposal? - Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operates a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract and clinical waste is included in the Private Finance Initiative contract

10. Do you have any figures in weight (tons) of clinical waste disposed of by your trust? - This information is published on the following link ERIC [Estates Returns Information Collection - NHS Digital](#)

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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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