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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

<p>1. The type and number of tourniquets used for venepuncture and cannulation annually in your Hospital Trust, specifically whether you use single use (disposable) or reusable tourniquets and what material they are made out of.</p>	<p>Single use Tourniquet single use latex free band type blue smooth finish, silicone.          01.04.2023 – 16.11.2023 usage = 13869 x box of 25.</p>
<p>2. If you use a mix of both, whether there is there any Trust policy for deciding which tourniquet to use.</p>	<p>We only use disposable tourniquets in trust as trust policy.</p>
<p>3. When you first introduced single use tourniquets, if you do use them.</p>	<p>May 2022 the product in Q1 was standardised to.</p>
<p>4. The cost per single use tourniquet/other type of tourniquet you use (or total annual cost)</p>	<p>Cost of usage stated in Q1 £11,649.96 inc vat</p>
<p>5. The MRSA infection rates at your Trust, for three years either side of your introduction of single use tourniquets, referring to bloodstream infections (bacteremias) rather than surface carriage.</p>	<p>2018/19- 1          2019/20- 1          2020/21-1          2021-22-1          2022/23- data not currently available as current year</p>
<p>6. Whether you implemented any of the following infection control procedures within the same year as implementing single use tourniquets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stricter hand hygiene policy</li> <li>• Staff education programme on infection control procedures</li> <li>• Screening of patients for MRSA on admission to hospital</li> <li>• Isolation or decolonisation of patients who tested positive for MRSA</li> </ul>	<p>These policies and interventions were already in place.</p>

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

Yours sincerely

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