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Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Specifically, I would like to request information on compounding practice, and automated compounding devices in your aseptic unit. If you are in the process of opening an aseptic unit, please answer these questions as if it was open, based on estimated volumes.

Section 1

Do you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition in your aseptic unit? (This should not include adding vitamins and trace elements to multi chamber licensed products)

- Yes
- **No**

If no, why?

- **Completely Outsourced**
- Patient Numbers
- Other, please specify

If no, please proceed to Section 2 and 3.

If yes, please proceed with the questions below.

How do you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition?

- Automated Compounding Device (ACDs)
- Manual, Gravity or Syringe Fill (Please proceed to Section 2 and 3)
- Other, please specify (Please proceed to Section 2 and 3)

If you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition with an ACD, please answer the below.

How many validated and in-use ACDs do you have in your aseptic unit?

How many spares/not in-use ACDs do you have?

Do you own your ACDs or are they loaned?

How old are your ACDs?

- Between 1 and 3 years old
- Between 4 and 8 years old
- Older than 8 years old

Section 2

Do you compound Systemic Anti-cancer Therapies (SACT) (chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy) in your aseptic unit?

- **Yes**

- No

If no, why?

- Completely Outsourced
- Patient Numbers
- Other, please specify

If no, please proceed to Section 3.

If yes, please proceed with the questions below.

How do you compound chemotherapy?

- **Manually**

- Automated compounding devices (ACDs)
- Repeater pumps
- Other, please specify

If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?

What drug categories do you compound, and in what quantity?

- **MABS approximately 2500 dose per year**
- **Cytotoxics approximately 8000 doses per year**
- Other, please specify

What are your final filling containers?

- **IV bags**
- **Syringes**
- **Elastomeric devices**
- Other, please specify

Section 3

Do you compound antibiotic preparations in your aseptic unit?

- Yes

- **No**

If no, why?

- Outsourced
- Patient Numbers
- **Other, please specify – clinical preparation on wards / depts. some ready to administer doses procured**

If no, please disregard this section.

If yes, please proceed with the questions below.

How do you compound antibiotics?

- Manually
- Automated compounding devices (ACDs)
- Repeater pumps
- Other, please specify

If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?

What antibiotic quantities do you manufacture?

What are your final filling containers?

- IV bags
- Syringes
- Elastomeric devices
- Other, please specify

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Yours sincerely

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