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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to biopsy and coaxial needles.

You asked:

- 1 - References: size (length, diameter) and type (manual, semi-automated, automated) of the different biopsy needles used;
- 2 - Quantities of biopsy needles annually purchased for every reference;
- 3 - References: size (length, diameter) of the different coaxial needles used;
- 4 - Quantities of coaxial needles annually purchased for every reference;
- 5 - Quantities provided by each needle manufacturer;
- 6 - Prices for every different needle, both biopsy and coaxial

Trust response:

Questions 1 – 5: see below:

Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury:

CT biopsies –

155 patients using a variety of:

co-axial 18Gx 15cms and 18Gx11cms 20G X 11cms

Breast biopsy –

350 patients using Achieve 14G x 9cms and 14Gx11 cms

U/S 1 Thyroid –

160 patients using 18Gx6 and 18Gx11 cms Temno

Liver and Lymph nodes etc –

150 patients using a variety of:

Co axial 18G x 11 cms 18Gx 15cms 18G x 11 Achieve 18Gx 15cms Achieve

Maidstone Hospital:

Breast biopsy –

815 mainly achieve 14Gx9cm

US thyroid neck biopsy –
91 mainly achieve 18Gx6cm 18Gx9cm

US abdo, liver, kidney biopsy –
39 mainly achieve or Temno 18Gx 15cms 18G x 11 Achieve 18Gx 15cms

CT liver abdo chest biopsy –
100 using a variety temno or achieve

IR liver kidney abdo biopsy –
68 using a variety temno or achieve

6. The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).