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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 antiseptic preparations applied to the skin prior to a surgical procedure.

You asked:

Please would you tell me the number of units of the following products purchased by your hospital over the past 12 months:

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide (Nex-Clorex 2%) Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Fannin UK Ltd

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Ecolab Ltd

Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Licenced Medicine (ChloraPrep) Available in various sizes - Carefusion / BD

Red Staining Dye / Liquid Available in 12 x 12ml - Ecolab Ltd

Please would you tell me the pre-operative skin preparation (ie the name of the specific product) that you use for the following procedures? Please will you specify whether the manufacturer and whether the product is a biocide or a licenced medicine.

Procedure

- *Abdominal hysterectomy -*
 - *Products used?*
 - *Biocide or licenced medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*
- *Breast surgery*
 - *Products used?*

- *Biocide or licensed medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*
- *Caesarean section*
 - *Products used?*
 - *Biocide or licensed medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*
- *Gastric surgery*
 - *Products used?*
 - *Biocide or licensed medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*
- *Hip replacement*
 - *Products used?*
 - *Biocide or licensed medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*
- *Knee replacement*
 - *Products used?*
 - *Biocide or licensed medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*
- *Spinal surgery*
 - *Products used?*
 - *Biocide or licensed medicine?*
 - *Brand name?*

Trust response:

In the 12 months 01/02/2017 to 01/02/2018 the Trust purchased:

Red Staining Dye	12ml	1476 units
Chlorhexidene in Isopropyl 2% spirit	200ml	88 units
	500ml	1509 units

In relation to the procedure specific information requested the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.