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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 Aseptic Non Touch Technique (ANTT).

*You asked:*

*The name of your organisation:*

*1. Does your organisation have a standard aseptic technique?*

*IF YES: Please continue to question 2. IF NO: Please go direct to question 9.*

*2. What is your standard aseptic technique called?*

*a) We use ANTT (If no go to 2b)*

*b) We use an alternative standard aseptic technique: (State what this standard technique is termed and where it is defined)*

*3. Is ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique stipulated in policy(s)?*

*4. Does your organisation provide specific education and training for ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique?*

*5. Does your organisation provide clinical competency assessment for ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique?*

*6. Is compliance to ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique audited?*

*7. Does your organisation provide a periodic competency assessment update?*

*8. Does your organisation use ANTT Procedure Guidelines?*

*If you answered 'Yes' to Question 1 you have completed the survey – thank you*

*If you answered 'No' to Question 1 please answer the below:*

*9. What best describes the different aseptic techniques used in your organisation:*

*Aseptic technique*

*ANTT*

*Sterile technique*  
*Clean technique*  
*Non-touch technique*  
*A combination of the above*  
*Other*

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

1. Yes

2. a. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Comment: We do not do ANTT training and competency assessment as a stand-alone teaching session; however, it is actively incorporated into both the IV Therapy Course (Day 1 and Day 2), the Paediatric CVAD Course, the Venepuncture for CSWs course and all blood culture training.

Assessment will be made during the clinical skills stations for all courses and competency assessment will be integral in the sign-off of the Assessment and Declaration of Competency document

6. Yes - Comment: Saving lives audits are carried out on Central lines continuing care, Central venous access devices insertion and catheter care insertions and continuing care.

7. No

8. No

9. Aseptic technique

ANTT

Sterile technique

Clean technique

Non-touch technique