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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 discrete cylinder regulators.

You asked:

Name of Trust:

Please note, ALL the following questions relate to Medical Oxygen cylinders ONLY

- 1. Does your Trust use Medical Oxygen cylinders that have a pin index cylinder valve and require a discrete (removable) regulator to function?
If 'Yes' please continue*
- 2. On average, how many discrete regulator cylinders are rented each month on an annual basis?*
- 3. On average, how many of this particular cylinder type is replenished each month?*
- 4. How many discrete regulators are held on inventory for use with this type of cylinder?*
- 5. Do you also rent 'integrated valve' cylinders? (e.g. cylinders with regulators already fitted as an integral part of the package - BOC CD cylinder for example)*
- 6. If you have answered 'yes' to question 1. And question 5., what is the proportion of each type of cylinder in use? A ratio or percentage would do. (E.g. 70:30 in favour of discrete or 70% discrete, 30% integrated)*
- 7. Has your Trust ever reported a failure to supply or an unexpected cylinder 'runout' whilst using a discrete regulator on a cylinder?*

Trust response:

Name of Trust: Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells

1. NO
2. Not applicable (N/A)
3. N/A

4. N/A
5. YES
6. N/A
7. No