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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 peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC).

You asked:

- 1. The number of peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC) you purchased in the financial year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022?
If your response for this question is zero just reply to question 1 - do not complete the remainder of questions.*
- 2. Of the total number of PICC purchased during this period how many were:
a) single lumen?
b) double lumen?
c) triple lumen?*
- 3. Of the total number of PICC purchased during this period how many had a valve incorporated into the PICC?*
- 4. Of the total number of PICC purchased during this period how many were rated for high pressure (often referred to as CT rated or power PICC)?*
- 5. What type of clinical service inserts the majority of your PICC? e.g. Vascular access team, PICC team, radiology service, vascular surgeons, anaesthetists, specialist teams e.g. Oncology, nutrition (please state).*
- 6. In the main, how are PICC secured (in addition to the main IV dressing):
a) Subcutaneous anchor?
b) Skin securement pad?
c) Suture?
d) Wound closure strips?
e) Glue?
f) Other? (Please state)
g) None? (Only the IV dressing is used)*
- 7. In the main, is a chlorhexidine (CHG) type dressing in use at the PICC site?
a) Yes*

b) No

Trust response:

1. 261

2.

a) None

b) 261

c) None

3. All

4. All

5. Vascular Access Team consisting of both Anaesthetic Consultants and registered nurses.

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a) Predominantly subcutaneous anchor

b) Used for patients with a nickel allergy or when PICC external length is too short for a subcutaneous anchor

c) Suture? Never

d) Never

e) Not usually

f) Not applicable

g) Not applicable

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b) NO. Only used if the patient is in critical care (ITU/HDU/CCU) or has an infection such as MRSA, GRE, VRE