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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 cannulas.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. How many Adult or Paediatric cannulation procedures (Peripheral Cannula passed) were done in your trust in the past financial year? This can be estimated figure (from number of cannulas purchased) or actual if any such records are kept by the trust*
- 2. Do you use any form of prepacked cannulation kits that provide all appropriate equipment needed? These are manufactured outside the hospital and delivered as one whole pack, or the items are purchased / used separately.*
- 3. Which type of cannula is used / preferred at your trust or hospital? There are two types – one with safety mechanism E.g., BD or Vygon or ones without safety. The safety cannulas are designed to prevent needle stick injuries.*
- 4. Does the trust / hospital use any particular cannula more than others and if so what is the name of manufacturer(s) and breakdown of their supply e-g leading manufactures are BD, Vygon, etc*
- 5. Is there any breakdown of cannulas used by their size / gauge (e-g 22G Blue / 20G pink)?*
- 6. Do you use the NHS supply chain or purchase these cannulas / cannulation packs directly independent suppliers / distributors or companies within your trust? If so, please can we be provided with the supplier(s) / distributor (s) name(s) and breakdown of items purchase in last financial year*
- 7. What is the total number of hospital beds you have within your trust and its occupied capacity?*
- 8. What is the total number of annual attendance in the following departments:*
  - i) Accident and Emergency*
  - ii) Surgical Assessments Unit*
  - iii) Medical Day Unit / Medical Admission Units*

9. *What is the annual budget for clinical waste disposal?*

10. *Do you have any figures in weight (tons) of clinical waste disposed of by your trust?*

Trust response:

1. I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.

2. Yes

3. Vasofix Safety

4. B Braun

5. Orange 896, Grey 5957, Green 3820, Pink 109665, Blue 70925

6. Cannulas - 191,263 NHSSC, Unisurge 232,000 packs

7. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/>

8. Figures for the financial year up to the 25th September.

ED all attendances = 116,712

SAU attendances including transfers = 3,406

Medical Units = I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.

9. The Trust is part of the South East NHS Total Waste Management Consortium which is currently being reviewed. Further details will not be released under Section 43 of the Act.

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22/23 Data:

Incineration 339.84 Tonnes

Alt Treatment 415.12 Tonnes

Offensive Waste 322.31 Tonnes