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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 Meropenem.

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

Could you provide answers to the below questions for each hospital in your trust, please?

1. *How many doses of each of the following strengths of Meropenem do you administer annually?*
 - 500mg
 - 1 gram
 - 2 grams
2. *What are the main areas of your hospital where Meropenem is used?*
3. *What are the main conditions you use Meropenem to treat?*
4. *How do you currently administer Meropenem via bolus or infusion? If you infuse, do you use gravity or pump sets?*
5. *Where is your Meropenem currently reconstituted (e.g., wards or aseptic units)?*
6. *Do you face any challenges when administering Meropenem?*
7. *Do you frequently experience drug shortages of Meropenem?*
8. *How many medication errors do you experience per month when administering Meropenem?*

Trust response:

1.
 - 500mg 0.5g = 115, 500mg = 83 = 198
 - 1-gram 1g = 444 1000mg = 32 = 476
 - 2 grams 464 = 2g; 297 = 2000mg = 761
2. Medical wards

3. Intra-abdominal sepsis = 256 administrations, CAP CURB65 score 2 = 250, CAP CURB65 3-5 = 215, LRTI – HAP = 229, Other – indication = 636, Sepsis – chest source = 528, Sepsis – Intra-abdominal source = 287 – Sepsis – likely chest or urine, Sepsis – neutropenic sepsis = 985 – Sepsis – no source identified – 1015, Sepsis unidentified source = 606
4. We mostly give via infusion and using a pump set.
5. Wards
6. No
7. No
8. Between 0 and 1 incident per month