

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 1st June 2023. I am pleased to confirm the following.

With regards to administration sets (pump and gravity) used to infuse IV antibiotics, does your institution have a policy to flush the administration set to give the full dose of antibiotics in accordance with guidelines?
If yes to question 1a, is your organisation fully compliant with your policy to flush the administration set to give the full dose of antibiotics in accordance with guidelines?
If yes to question 1a, do you follow method 1 or 2 as outlined by the National Infusion and Vascular Access Society (NIVAS) guidance on line flushing 2021?
With regards to administration sets (pump and gravity) used to infuse IV antibiotics, if you do have a policy in place to flush the administration set, have you audited compliance with this policy?
Can you share the audit results (if yes, please can you provide a copy)?
What education have you put in place to ensure healthcare professionals in your organisation understand the guidance on flushing administration sets that are used for IV antibiotic infusions?
What education have you put in place to ensure healthcare professionals in your organisation understand the patient risks involved with failing to flush the residual volume of IV antibiotics in the administration sets?
What education have you put in place to ensure healthcare professionals in your organisation understand the possible effects of not flushing the IV administration set containing IV antibiotics on antimicrobial resistance?
With regards to administration sets (pump and gravity) used to infuse IV antibiotics, which of the following (if any) are included in your policy with regards to disposing of the administration set and residual volume of either the prescribed antibiotic or flushing solution?
4a Complete administration set (including drip chamber with sharp) is disposed of into the yellow bag.
4b Complete administration set (including drip chamber with sharp) is disposed of into the orange bag.

4c Complete administration set (including drip chamber with sharp) is disposed of into the sharps bin.

4d Drip chamber/sharp are detached from the administration set line and the drip chamber/sharp disposed of in the sharps bin and the rest of the administration set line disposed of in the yellow bag.

4e Drip chamber/sharp is detached from the administration set line and the drip chamber/sharp disposed of in the sharps bin and the rest of the administration set line disposed of in the orange bag

Please see attached document.

The Trust does not have an explicit policy line flushing.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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