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Subject: Freedom of Information Request – Implantable Ports and Access Needles

Dear Freedom of Information Request Team,

We would like to understand the volume of implanted ports and access needles (as defined below) used within NHS organisations throughout the UK:



An implanted port is a totally implantable vascular access device made of two components: a reservoir with a selfsealing septum, which is attached to a silicone catheter. The port is usually placed subcutaneously on either the chest or the arm



We would be most grateful if you could kindly provide the below information:

Information requested in respect of Implantable Ports

- Question 1a Has your organisation purchased **implantable ports** between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023? Ves
- Question 2a If yes, to question 1a, please can you kindly provide a purchasing export report detailing the following relevant to **implantable ports** purchased between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023;
 - Manufacturer PFM MEDICAL
 - Brand PFM MEDICAL
 - Product Code
 - Description ARM PC
- 61.636.83.077-UK CHEST PORT X4
- Volume (in pieces) X1
- Supply route for example, Direct, NHS Supply Chain etc DIRECT ORDER

1 Lister, S et al, Royal Marsden Manual of Clinical Nursing Procedures, 2020, Chapter 17, Vascular Access Devices: Insertion and Management, page 1102

61.636.09.077 ARM PORT

- Question 3a Which clinical area(s) insert implantable ports in your organisation? Interventional Radiology
- Question 4a Has your organisation any data regarding the number of patients that had a port inserted between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023 that also required a high pressure injection contrast media scan? YES 4 patients,

Information requested in respect of Port Access Needles

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- Question 1b Has your organization purchased **port access needles** between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023? NO
- Question 2b If yes, to question 1b, please can you kindly provide a purchasing export report detailing the following relevant to **port access needles** purchased between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023:
 - Manufacturer
 - Brand
 - Product Code
 - Description
 - Volume (in pieces)
 - Supply route for example, Direct, NHS Supply Chain etc

Question 3b Which clinical area(s) use port access needles in your organisation?

Interventional Radiology, Cancer Services Team, Planned Care Unit, Outpatient antibiotic Treatment Team (OPAT)

Thank you in advance for providing this information.

Kind Regards

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