

Friday 4 April 2025

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 2 April 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Over the last 5 years how many IV fluid bags have been bought/used by your trust (can you please give in X bags/year)?

2020/21	164,022 bags
2021/22	203,060 bags
2022/23	206,159 bags
2023/24	226,302 bags
2024/25	225,773 bags

2. For the amounts in answer 1, can you advise what different types were used ie what was the saline concentration, different size bags, any bags containing pre-mixed medication other than saline etc?

Please see attached spreadsheet.

3. What brands/makes of IVbags do you purchase? Are they bought directly from the manufacturer or via a distributor?

We buy bags from both Baxter Healthcare and Fresenius Kabi. These are bought directly from the manufacturer.

4. Is there a contract in place for purchasing IV Fluids, and if so when does the current contract expire?

Yes, there are contracts in place for all of our IV fluids. The contract currently finishes on 30/05/2025 but will usually have an option to extend.

5. What is the average unit price for normal saline solution? Has this price changed in the last 5 years?

The information on unit prices for saline solutions is commercially confidential. We can however say that prices have increased several times over the last 5 years.

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you may write to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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