

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 13th November 2023, I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. The type and number of tourniquets used for venepuncture and cannulation annually in your Hospital Trust, specifically whether you use single use (disposable) or reusable tourniquets and what material they are made out of.**

Single use tourniquets made of TPE band, latex free x 2789 box's of 100

- 2. If you use a mix of both, whether there is there any Trust policy for deciding which tourniquet to use.**

N/A

- 3. When you first introduced single use tourniquets, if you do use them.**

There is no record of a start date of single use held within the trust

- 4. The cost per single use tourniquet/other type of tourniquet you use (or total annual cost)**

Cost 0.09p each

- 5. The MRSA infection rates at your Trust, for three years either side of your introduction of single use tourniquets, referring to bloodstream infections (bacteremias) rather than surface carriage.**

Zero

- 6. Whether you implemented any of the following infection control procedures within the same year as implementing single use tourniquets:**

- **Stricter hand hygiene policy**
- **Staff education programme on infection control procedures**
- **Screening of patients for MRSA on admission to hospital**
- **Isolation or decolonisation of patients who tested positive for MRSA**

N/A

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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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