

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 13 January 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Within the last 3 years, have there been any incidents recorded where a gauze swab was retained in the body cavity of a patient?

Yes

a. If yes, was compensation paid to the patient(s)?

There is no record of costs as a result of this incident.

b. What was the total value of compensation paid to the patient(s)?

As above

2. With regards to purchasing, how many procedure packs and swabs packs were purchased in the last complete financial year? Please provide your responses in the table below if possible, indicating in the table if the data supplied relates to individual packs or carton quantities. If carton quantities (the number of boxes of product ordered) are provided, please also state the number of packs supplied per carton.

Product Type	Number of packs purchased*	Additional information re: number of packs per carton
Birth packs (standard delivery packs containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	1. 346 Packs 2. 15 Packs 3. 24 Packs 4. 19 Packs 5. 10 Packs	Case of 5 Case of 8 Case of 6 Case of 10 Case of 10
Suture packs (e.g. used to repair vaginal tears containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	1. 48 Packs 2. 16 Packs 3. 5 Packs	Case of 30 Case of 20 Case of 25
Laparotomy packs	We have been advised by Theatre staff that Laparotomy packs are not ordered.	N/A

Swab packs (packs of 5 swabs used in surgery to pack open wounds, absorb blood etc).	Various Sizes Used:	
	1. 4 Packs	Case 200
	2. 19 Packs	Case 200
	3. 1 Pack	Case 100
	4. 2 Packs	Case 200
	5. 2 Packs	Case 96
	6. 17 Packs	Case 30
	7. 16 Packs	Case 20
	8. 4 Packs	Pack 6
	9. 13 Packs	Pack 28
	10. 2 Packs	Pack 30
	11. 53 Packs	Pack 15
	12. 3 Packs	Box 20
	13. 100 Packs	Pack 25
	14. 4217 Packs	Pack 25
	15. 28 Packs	Pack 25
	16. 12 Packs	Pack 25
	17. 1 Pack	Box 70
	18. 3 Packs	Box 70
	19. 1 Pack	Box 25
20. 9 Pack	Box 25	

3. Regarding brands and suppliers, which brands of product are being used and who is supplying them?

Product Type	Brands used	Supplied by
Birth packs (standard delivery packs containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	1. Rocialle 2-5. Unisurge	Rocialle Unisurge NHS Supply Chain
Suture packs (e.g. used to repair vaginal tears containing gauze swabs and other supplies)	1. Rocialle 2. Instrapac Unisurge	Rocialle Robinson Healthcare NHS Supply Chain NHS Supply Chain
Laparotomy packs	N/A	N/A
Swab packs (packs of 5 swabs used in surgery to pack open wounds, absorb blood etc).	1. Ray Trace 2. Ray Trace 3. Ray Trace 4. Ray Trace 5. Ray Trace 6. Ray Trace 7. Ray Trace 8. Premier 9. Detex 10. Premier 11. Premier 12. CliniGauze 13. Unisurge 14. Unisurge 15. Unisurge 16. Clinigauze 17. Clinigauze 18. Clinigauze 19. Clinigauze	NHS Supply Chain

4. Are any of the following swab safety products purchased for used in surgery? These products are safety products designed to help clinicians count swabs in and out of the body.

- o **SwabSafe™ (Central Medical Supplies)**
- o **Surgicount™ (Stryker)**
- o **Situate™ (Medtronic)**

There is no record of the Trust purchasing any of the above products.

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Yours sincerely,

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

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