

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 07 June 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**1. Annual spend on needles and syringes as follows:**

**Needles and syringes in total** £98584.35

Specifically:

- a) **Hypodermic needles (non-safety)** £813.74 plus VAT
- b) **Safety hypodermic needles** £15,806.30 plus VAT
- c) **Syringes** £46,145.58 plus VAT
- d) **Combined Insulin needles and syringes** £610.07 plus VAT
- e) **Insulin pen needles** £12.28 plus VAT
- f) **NR Fit needles and syringes** £6,973.28 plus VAT, Additional needles and syringes within the bespoke packs we have for Epidural and Spinal anaesthetics
- g) **Anaesthesia needles and syringes** £8,594.70 plus VAT
- h) **Soft tissue biopsy needles** £15,952.80 plus VAT
- i) **Bone marrow biopsy needles** £3,675.60 plus VAT

**2. Biopsy needles a. Do you consider that you mainly use manual, semi-automatic or fully automatic needles?**

Semi-Automatic

**3. List of your current purchase price for needles and syringe products**

We are exempting this question under Section 43 - Section 43 is a qualified exemption, and we are required to assess as objectively as possible whether the balance of public interest favours disclosing or withholding the information. Our view that section 43 applies to your request is based on the judgement that the Trusts ability to purchase products at a competitive price would be compromised by disclosure.

**4. Contact (Name, email, phone number) details for the ward consumables purchaser(s) responsible for placing orders for needles and syringes.**

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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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