

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 31 August 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1	Does your Trust use Medical Oxygen cylinders that have a pin index cylinder valve and require a discrete (removable) regulator to function?	Yes	
	If 'Yes' please continue		
2	On average, how many discrete regulator cylinders are rented each month on an annual basis?	959	number
3	On average, how many of this particular cylinder type is replenished each month?	448	number
4	How many discrete regulators are held on inventory for use with this type of cylinder?	197	number
5	Do you also rent ' integrated valve ' cylinders? (e.g. cylinders with regulators already fitted as an integral part of the package - BOC CD cylinder for example)	Yes	
6	If you have answered 'yes' to question 1. And question 5., what is the proportion of each type of cylinder in use ? A ratio or percentage would do. (E.g. 70:30 in favour of discrete or 70% discrete, 30% integrated)	99:1	
7	Has your Trust ever reported a failure to supply or an unexpected cylinder 'runout' whilst using a discrete regulator on a cylinder?	Yes	

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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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