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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 regarding information that we supplied under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding oxytocin infusion.

You emailed the following:

*"Thank you for all the information that you have already supplied in fulfilment of my FOI requests.*

*Please could you clarify the following, which arises in the oxytocin information, about the kind of infusion pump?*

*It is referred to as a 'volumetric' device, but that would be used with 500 ml of infusion fluid, not 50 ml. Therefore, please could you find out whether the reference to IVAC / volumetric in the same phrase, is a mistake, or the tables for 50 ml are wrong, or, both are in use?*

*A pump for a 50 ml regime could be an IVAC, but it will be a syringe driver (not a volumetric pump) and it will have a model number. Please could you ascertain the names and model numbers of any syringe drivers, and at the same time ask about volumetric pumps?*

*If they are also in use, please obtain the names and model numbers. Please also send the separate oxytocin dosage table for 500 ml regimes. "*

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**Query 1** *It is referred to as a 'volumetric' device, but that would be used with 500 ml of infusion fluid, not 50 ml. Therefore, please could you find out whether the reference to IVAC / volumetric in the same phrase, is a mistake, or the tables for 50 ml are wrong, or, both are in use?*

A1 Amended answer 14/08/2019. The correct equipment used is the Alaris GH syringe driver; we do not use a volumetric device for Syntocinon infusions. - Please updated version attached.

**Query 2)** *Please could you ascertain the names and model numbers of any syringe drivers, and at the same time ask about volumetric pumps?*

A2 See answer 1

**Query 3) If they are also in use, please obtain the names and model numbers. Please also send the separate oxytocin dosage table for 500 ml regimes.**

A3 The infusion regime used is the regime included in the guidance

***\* This information refers to Royal Stoke Hospital as there is now only a free standing birthing suite at County. The data relates to products transfused at the Royal Stoke site.***

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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