



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-211

Date: 21st July 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Chitin/Chitosan

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I am writing to University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am outlining my query as specifically as possible to assist you with this request.
I would like to know:**

Q1a) Is any of the product(s) purchased/used in your hospital contain Chitin/Chitosan (e.g. surgical sutures, materials in wound healing/tissue engineering/dentistry/drug delivery)?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2a.

If the answer to Q1a is No then:

Q1b) Do you plan on utilizing products containing Chitin/Chitosan in the next two years?

Yes

No

If the answer to Q1b is No, you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

If the answer to Q1b is yes, answer Q2a and then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

A1 1a) No
1b) yes

**Q2 Q2a) What product(s) do you have in the hospital (or intend to purchase) that
foi@uhnm.nhs.uk contains Chitin/Chitosan?**

**Q2b) For each product listed in response to Question Q2a, could you please provide the
following details:**

- The product's brand name.
- The purpose of the product and in which department it is used.
- The approximate volume of the product used/purchased over the last financial year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023).

A2 See below:

Q2a) Maxiocell wound dressing

Q2b)

- The product's brand name = Maxiocell
- The purpose of the product and in which department it is used = Wound dressing available on the general wound care formulary accessible by all clinical areas
- The approximate volume of the product used/purchased over the last financial year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023). = Not yet available. Anticipated later this year. Volumes unknown

Q3 Has the hospital received any complaints or filed any cases of side effects from using the Chitin/Chitosan product(s) mentioned above? If so, please provide detail of the following:

- a) Number of cases in years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- b) description of the most three common side effects
- c) Which product(s) caused the most commonly seen side effects

A3 Not applicable- refer to answer 1a

Q4 Is there any limitation(s), certification(s), or regulatory requirement(s) that are bounded when utilizing Chitin/Chitosan in the hospital (i.e. ISO standards or Ethics, etc)? If so, please specify.

A4 Not applicable- refer to answer 1a

Q5 Is the hospital currently or will be promoting any new products containing chitin or chitosan?

A5 Refer to answer 1b

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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