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Response Due: 24th August 2023

Date: 17th August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

We would like to understand the volume of implanted ports and access needles (as defined below) used within NHS organisations throughout the UK:

Implanted Port¹

An implanted port is a totally implantable vascular access device made of two components: a reservoir with a self-sealing septum, which is attached to a silicone catheter. The port is usually placed subcutaneously on either the chest or the arm.



Port Access Needle¹

Implanted ports are accessed using a special non-coring (Huber) needle.



We would be most grateful if you could kindly provide the below information:

Information requested in respect of Implantable Ports

Question 1a) Has your organisation purchased implantable ports between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023?

Nil

Question 2a) If yes, to question 1a, please can you kindly provide a purchasing export report detailing the following relevant to implantable ports purchased between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023;

- **Manufacturer**
- **Brand**
- **Product Code**
- **Description**
- **Volume (in pieces)**
- **Supply route for example, Direct, NHS Supply Chain etc**

N/A

Question 3a) Which clinical area(s) insert implantable ports in your organisation?

Nil

Question 4a) Has your organisation any data regarding the number of patients that had a port inserted between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023 that also required a high pressure injection contrast media scan?

N/A

Information requested in respect of Port Access Needles

Question 1b) Has your organization purchased port access needles between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023?

Yes

Question 2b) If yes, to question 1b, please can you kindly provide a purchasing export report detailing the following relevant to port access needles purchased between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023;

- **Manufacturer**
- **Brand**
- **Product Code**
- **Description**
- **Volume (in pieces)**
- **Supply route for example, Direct, NHS Supply Chain etc**

Please see the attached report

Question 3b) Which clinical area(s) use port access needles in your organisation?

Cancer Care and Children with Complex needs order these at WWL

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
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