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Date: 24th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I'd be grateful if you could provide me with details of which hospital(s) within your trust area:

1. Have medical staff/surgical team trained to carry out bloodless surgery.

Yes, surgeons do practice minimum blood loss surgery.

2. Have autologous blood transfusion and patient's own cell salvage equipment available.

Yes, we can confirm that autologous blood transfusion is available, however surgeons do not currently use reinfusion drains and this is the only way we would be able to give a whole blood transfusion.

We also have access to intraoperative cell salvage that provides red blood cells for reinfusion during surgery and the immediate post operative recovery phase. We have a robust service working on the Wrightington & Wigan sites which are the sites where major surgery is undertaken.

3. Keep stocks of synthetic blood transfusion substitutes.

No.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Luxon" followed by a period.

Allison Luxon
Deputy Chief Nurse

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