



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

## Questions to hospital pharmacies:

**Name of Hospital/Trust:** Wrightington Wigan & Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHSFT  
**Department:** Pharmacy  
**Job title:** Associate Director of Pharmacy  
**Pharmacy contact information:** via Switchboard

A) Is compounding outsourced to an **external provider** in your region/city?

Yes – go to question A1)	YES
No – go to question B)	

**A1) What is the name of the external provider doing compounding preparation?**

ITH Pharma, Baxters, Fresenius

**A2) What is the location of the external provider doing chemotherapy compounding?**

ITH Pharma - Unit 2-4 Premier Park, London NW10 7NZ  
Baxters - North West Unit Boundary Court Crossley Road Stockport, SK4 5GA  
Fresenius - Cestrian Court, Eastgate Way, Manor Park, Runcorn WA7 1NT

**B) What manufacturing/compounding work is currently being performed by pharmacists at your Hospital/Trust?**

None – we don't have an aseptic / compounding unit

**C) What level/grade of cleanroom do you run and how many of them do you have?**

N/A – as above

**C1) What size of unit do you currently run (square footage)?**

N/A – as above

**C2) What is the number of staff in this unit?**

N/A – as above

**C3) Do you currently run at your full capacity?**

N/A – as above

Yes	
No	

**C4) If no, what % of capacity you're currently running?**

N/A – as above

**C) Do you provide services to any other hospital pharmacies?**

Yes	
No	NO

**D1). If yes, please specify which other hospitals you service:**

N/A – as above

**E). How many days per week do you do compounding work? Please circle the relevant.**

0 - N/A – as above

<b>No of days/week</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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**F) Approximately, how many compounding's do you do each day in your facility?  
Number of compounding's per day**

N/A – as above

**G) Approximately, how many pairs of gloves do you use per day for pharmacy compounding work in your facility? (including both under- and over-gloves)**

N/A – as above

Number of **under-gloves** per day (pairs): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **over-gloves** per day (pairs): \_\_\_\_\_

**G1) What proportion (%) of these are sterile gloves?**

N/A – as above  
 \_\_\_\_\_ %

**G2) Who is your current gloves provider(s)?**

N/A – as above

**G3) What types of gloves do you use during compounding? Please put % for all relevant options.**

N/A – as above

	Chemotherapy	Parenteral nutritional	Other – please specify: _____
<b>Sterile exam gloves</b>			
<b>Non-sterile exam gloves</b>			
<b>Sterile PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) gloves</b>			
<b>Sterile Surgical gloves (medical device)</b>			

**G4) What material are the majority of the sterile PPE/surgical gloves made of when used in pharmacy? Please put % for all relevant options.**

<b>Nitrile %</b>	100
<b>Polychloroprene %</b>	0
<b>Polyisoprene %</b>	0
<b>Natural rubber latex %</b>	0
<b>Other, please state: %</b>	0

**G5) What material is the packaging of your sterile gloves?**

N/A – as above – we don't use sterile gloves due to the lack of compounding facility. All general nitrile gloves come in a box

<b>Plastic</b>	
<b>Paper</b>	

**H) How do you currently purchase your hospital pharmacy gloves?**

<b>NHS SC</b>	YES
<b>Directly from supplier</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Party provider / distributor (eg. Bunzl)</b>	
<b>Other</b>	

**I) How frequently do you place orders and is this your preferred frequency?**

Unknown

**J) What local/national guidelines/accreditation/regulations/governing bodies do you adhere to?**

N/A – as above

**K) When validating a new sterile PPE/surgical glove, do you have a specific protocol/evaluation to follow?**

Yes	
No	NO

**L) Who is involved in the validation process and what criteria do you follow (please indicate position/role, process and time frames)?**

N/A – as above

**M) Which of these requirements apply for a sterile PPE/surgical glove in your facility? (please tick all relevant options):**

N/A – as above – not a pharmacy issue as we don't have a compounding facility

<b>Maximum liquid particle count level</b>	
<b>Specific outer packaging requirements</b>	
<b>Plastic inner-wrap</b>	
<b>Be able to stay on isolator glove port for certain amount of time</b>	
<b>Withstand certain amount of alcohol disinfections</b>	
<b>Chemicals / chemotherapy agents breakthrough time results</b>	
<b>Certified for use for a certain clean room grade</b>	
<b>We have other requirements (add them....)</b>	
<b>No requirements are specified</b>	

**N) Which of these features of a sterile PPE/surgical glove would add value in your current practice? Please tick all relevant options.**

N/A – as above

<b>Good fit, feel and comfort</b>	
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<b>Durability</b>	
<b>Easy to open sterile barrier</b>	
<b>Double gloving</b>	
<b>Puncture detection</b>	
<b>Anti-slip cuff (stays on gown)</b>	
<b>Low endotoxin level</b>	
<b>Other features add value</b>	

**O) How often are gloves changed by operators working with compounding? Please state in relevant minutes.**

N/A – as above

Over-gloves \_\_\_\_\_  
 Under-gloves \_\_\_\_\_

**P) What safety guidelines/recommendations does the Hospital / Trust currently follow?**

N/A – as above

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,



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