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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 6 February 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding antiseptic. Specifically you asked:

***I am asking about antiseptic preparations that would be applied to the skin prior to a surgical procedure. The main purpose of these solutions is to reduce the risk of infection and therefore influence the surgical site infection rate.***

***Please would you tell me the number of units of the following products purchased by your hospital over the past 12 months:***

- ***Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide (Nex-Clorex 2%) Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Fannin UK Ltd***

Answer: The Trust do not purchase

- ***Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Biocide Available in 200ml and 500ml bottles - Ecolab Ltd***

Answer: The Trust do not purchase

- ***Chlorhexidine 2% in IPA Licenced Medicine (ChloraPrep) Available in various sizes - Carefusion / BD***

Answer: The Trust do not purchase

- **Red Staining Dye / Liquid Available in 12 x 12ml - Ecolab Ltd**

Answer: 55 packs of 12

**Please would you tell me the pre-operative skin preparation (ie the name of the specific product) that you use for the following procedures? Please will you specify whether the manufacturer and whether the product is a biocide or a licensed medicine.**

### **Procedure**

#### **Abdominal hysterectomy**

- **Products used:** Ecolab Videne Antiseptic Solution 10% w/w Cutaneous Solution (Iodinated Povidone)
- **Biocide or licensed medicine:** It is not a biocide
- **Brand name:** Ecolab

#### **Breast surgery**

- **Products used:** Ecolab Videne Antiseptic Solution 10% w/w Cutaneous Solution (Iodinated Povidone)
- **Biocide or licensed medicine:** It is not a biocide
- **Brand name:** Ecolab

#### **Caesarean section**

- **Products used:** Videne antiseptic solution 10%w/w cutaneous solution 3030040 (iodinated povidone )
- **Biocide or licensed medicine:** It is not a biocide
- **Brand name:** Ecolab

#### **Gastric surgery**

- **Products used:** Ecolab Videne Antiseptic Solution 10% w/w Cutaneous Solution (Iodinated Povidone)
- **Biocide or licensed medicine:** It is not a biocide
- **Brand name:** Ecolab

#### **Hip replacement**

- **Products used?** - 10% w/w Alcoholic Tincture (Iodinated Povidon)
- **Biocide or licensed medicine?** - It is not a biocide.
- **Brand name?** Ecolab Videne

### ***Knee replacement***

- ***Products used?*** - 10% w/w Alcoholic Tincture (Iodinated Povidon)
- ***Biocide or licensed medicine?*** - *It is not a biocide.*
- ***Brand name?*** *Ecolab Videne*

### **Spinal surgery**

Answer: spinal surgery not carried out in the Trust.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**