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RE: Freedom of Information Request

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Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to your request for information received on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

**Questions to hospital pharmacies:**

**Name of Hospital/Trust:** Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust  
**Department:** Pharmacy  
**Job title:** Assistant Chief Pharmacist/Operational Services Manager  
**Pharmacy contact information:** Paresh Jogia Phone: 01623 622515

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

Yes – go to question A1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No – go to question B)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Baxter and Bath ASU

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

Baxter – Northwest (Stockport)  
Bath ASU - Bath

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

Cytotoxics/ Parenteral nutrition/ Monoclonal antibodies/ Intravitreal injections

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

1 x positive pressure isolator plus 2 x negative pressure isolators all sited in grade C rooms.

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

The total size of the unit is 1,008 square metres

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

2 x wte Production Pharmacist (plus 1 x rotational junior)

5 x wte technicians

3 x wte assistants

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

Yes	
No	X

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

88%

**D. Do you provide services to any other hospital pharmacies?**

Yes	
No	X

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

N/A

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

No of days/week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					X		

**F. Approximately, how many compounding's do you do each day in your facility?**

Number of compounding's per day: 20-25

**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)**

Number of under-gloves per day (pairs): 20-30

Number of over-gloves per day (pairs): 8

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

Over gloves: 100%

Under gloves: 0%

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

Nitritex & RDC

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

	<b>Chemotherapy</b>	<b>Parenteral nutritional</b>	<b>Other – please specify:</b>
<b>Sterile exam gloves</b>	0%	0%	
<b>Non-sterile exam gloves</b>	100% for inner use	100% for inner use	
<b>Sterile PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) gloves</b>	0%	0%	
<b>Sterile Surgical gloves (medical device)</b>	100% for outer use	100% for outer use	

**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>	40%
<b>Polychloroprene %</b>	20%
<b>Polyisoprene %</b>	0%
<b>Natural rubber latex %</b>	20%
<b>Other, please state: %</b>	20%

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

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

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

<b>NHS SC</b>	X
<b>Directly from supplier</b>	X
<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?**

**nonsterile nitrile gloves** – Monthly

**Sterile vinyl gloves** – Monthly

**everything else** – 3 Monthly

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

GMP, GDP

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

Yes	
No	X

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

Production manager/senior techs would investigate and choose relevant gloves. Checks would include CE marks, company, recommendations from regional hospitals, which chemicals they protect against and breakthrough data. Info from company regarding recommended usage e.g., isolators or prep room gloves. Packaging. Individually wrapped & sterile. Good fit & ease of use (not slippy etc). Do we need specific inners? E.g., hole detection, ease of slipping one glove into the next.

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

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

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

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

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

**Over-gloves** – After single session or if there is a spill etc

**Under-gloves** – After single session or if an operator exits the isolator

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

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Yours sincerely

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