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By email only

Dear,

We write further to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act received 24th July 2019. We have set out your request, together with our response below.

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information from your NHS Trust.

1) I'm trying to understand the decision pathway for pre-filled syringes in analgesic, anaesthetic and emergency care in UK hospitals,

Please see below.

2) I would like a list of employee job titles (not personal data) for those within your trust who are decision-makers regarding the decision to procure pre-filled syringes in analgesic, anaesthetic or emergency care.

Please see below.



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At this hospital the decision would be taken as follows,

Lead decision makers for Anaesthetics and pain team only (excludes emergency care):

- **Lead Pharmacist for Theatres, Anaesthetics and Pain**
- **Pharmacy Technician for Theatres, Anaesthetics and Pain**

Decision delivered after consultation with end users:

- **Clinical Lead Anaesthetics Division**
- **Pharmacy Procurement team**
- **If appropriate, approval at relevant medicines committee**

Decision Considerations:

- **Priority of item in anaesthetic protocol as 'Emergency or Rescue' medication**
- **Risk category of medication for example**
 - **Associated potential of errors (such as local anaesthetic toxicity)**
 - **Safety alerts issued around the item (such as potassium)**
 - **Legal status**
- **Time taken to prepare if time critical item**
- **Number of dilutions involved**
- **High risk routes of administration**
- **Cost efficiencies**
- **Potential item selection errors**
- **Ease of use**
- **Storage requirements**

As we have provided the information that we do hold your request is now closed. We trust that this is satisfactory but if you are dissatisfied with the way that it has been handled you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Geoff Stokes, Director of Corporate Affairs, UHCW, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry CV2 2DX.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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