

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-647

25 October 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

Information requested in respect of peripheral IV cannula

1. Please could you kindly advise which departments and healthcare professionals within your Trust use ultrasound to support the insertion of peripheral IV cannula?

The Trust has four placers in the Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) team and all use ultrasound to place peripheral cannula. We received referrals from across the trust for patients with difficult access who require ultrasound cannulation.

Information requested in respect of Midlines

2. Please could you also advise if you purchase midlines and if so:
 - a. What brand(s) of midline do you purchase?
The Trust has been using the Vygon midline up until this month.
Following a trial of lines we have changed to the Arrow midline for the trust (Bristol Royal Infirmary and Bristol Children's Hospital)
We also have the BARD/BD Powerglide which the trust can use as a midline, this is mostly for inpatients and for CT scans.
 - b. What volume do you purchase on an annual basis?
In the last 6 months, the team has placed 94 midlines and 88 Powerglides.
 - c. Who are the main clinicians responsible within your Trust for the insertion of Midlines?
The majority of lines are placed by the Vascular Access team, which consists of four full time placers and there is also one placer from the Cystic Fibrosis team.
3. Please could you also advise if you purchase a midline procedure pack and if so:
 - a. What is the content of the Midline insertion pack that you purchase?

b. What volume do you purchase on an annual basis?

The Trust uses a CVC pack (includes drapes, gown, ultrasound cover, syringes, needles and dressing) to place a midline so in the last 6 months we would have used 94 packs.

However, the new Arrow line, which we have changed to this month, comes with a pack, which will include drapes, gown, ultrasound cover, syringes, needles and dressing.

For each Powerglide the Trust opens a dressing pack which includes gauze but we would then add ultrasound cover and gel plus syringes needles and dressings.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

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Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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