

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-473**



6 August 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request:**

1. Please could I kindly request information in respect of the volume per annum of methylene blue dye that you purchase for example, Blue Marker, Patent Blue for use as a surgical dye.
2. Could you provide information on which surgical specialties use methylene blue as a surgical dye?

**Response:**

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total	
<b>METHYLTHIONINIUM CHLORIDE 50 mg/10mL Solution for Injection Ampoule 5 x 10mL Ampoule Pack</b>														
DAY CASE / ENDOSCOPY (SBCH)	Quantity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THEATRE 1 & 2 MATERNITY (SMH) DRUGS	Quantity	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
THEATRE 4 (SMH) DRUGS	Quantity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THEATRE 5 (SMH) DRUGS	Quantity	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
THEATRE RECOVERY (SMH)	Quantity	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	6
<b>Total for Drug</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

The above data is from the Division of Surgery and the first column is the locations it has been used.

SMH is St Michaels Hospital.

SBCH is South Bristol Community Hospital.

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.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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Yours sincerely

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