

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning units/departments using glutaraldehyde for sterilisation purposes.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1) The total number of units/departments in hospitals covered by the Trust.

Hospital – 140; Community - 63

- 2) The number of units/departments in the Trust that as of December 2013 currently use glutaraldehyde for sterilisation purposes.

0- The Trust has not used Glutaraldehyde for approximately 10 years in any part of the Trust

- 3) The number of units/departments in the Trust where glutaraldehyde has been used for sterilisation purposes in the last five years.

See above

- 4) The total number of NHS staff working within the Trust for the last five years (please provide each year separately).

2009 2348

2010 2507

2011 3279

2012 3473

2013 3638

In April 2011 City & Hackney Community Health Services integrated with the Homerton

- 5) The total number of NHS staff who have taken one or more days sick leave due to respiratory or pulmonary problems per year for the last five years (please provide each year separately).

2009 – 38; 2010 – 45; 2011 – 70; 2012 – 93; 2013 - 95

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