

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning follow-up to -----Re: 1469-Freedom of Information act request-patient pre-operative skin preparation.

You have indicated on a previous freedom of information request that the following product is used as routine pre-operative skin preparation:

Chlorhexidine 2% in 70% Isopropyl alcohol (Ecolab – available in 200ml and 500ml bottles)

This product does not have a MHRA marketing authorisation and is classified as a biocide. Please answer the following questions.

1. Is the use of this product described within a policy or guideline issued within the hospital? Please attach a copy of the relevant policy/guideline document.
2. If this is a policy decision, please confirm the author of this policy/guideline, their role within the organisation, and the committee at which this policy/guideline was approved or ratified.
3. Please confirm whether this policy has been risk assessed and a record has been made within the hospital risk register. Please attach a copy of the risk assessment.

Since our response to your last FOI Request the Homerton are now using ChlorPrep and are fully aware of the status of Ecolab's Chlorhexidine as a biocide.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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