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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4502

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 22nd October 2020.

Your request was as follows:

I would like to obtain specific information regarding the products used for the purposes of antiseptic skin preparation prior to invasive surgery on patients undergoing procedures in The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust.

1) Please confirm if The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust follows NICE guidance 125 (Surgical Site Infections: Prevention and Treatment) when carrying out antiseptic skin preparation?

a. If yes, please provide a copy of The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust s most up-to-date surgical site infection prevention protocol.

1) NICE Guidance 125 has not yet been fully implemented at The Walton Centre.

a. N/A

2) How does The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust communicate the category difference between antiseptic products that are medicines vs biocides and their intended use?

a. Please share any communication materials.

2) The Walton Centre do not specifically communicate the category difference between antiseptic products that are medicines vs biocides and their intended use

a. N/A

3) Can you please specify which antiseptic skin preparation products are used in The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trusts operating theatres for the purposes of prevention of surgical site infections?

Alcoholic and Aqueous Betadine

Alcoholic and Aqueous Chlorhexidine

4) Does The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust obtain patient consent prior to surgical procedures?

a. If yes, please provide the written material that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust uses to obtain consent

4) Yes

a. Please find attached the consent forms (x3) used by The Walton Centre. In addition, The Walton Centre also uses materials such as procedure specific patient information leaflets and documented clinical consultations as part of the process of obtaining patient consent.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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