

May 2011

I am undertaking research into anaesthesia practices and the following information will be helpful for this work.

Specifically for the hospital(s) in the Trust, please provide responses to the following questions.

Anaesthesia Agents in use by Hospital

1. The volume (quantity of 250ml bottles) of Sevoflurane used by the hospital(s) during the year - 2010/11.

2010/11 - 2030

2. The volume (quantity of 240ml bottles) of Desflurane (Suprane) used by the hospital during the year - 2010/11.

2010/11 - None

3. The volume (quantity of 250ml bottles) of Isoflurane (and/or Aeranne 100ml) used by the hospital during the year - 2010/11.

2010/11 - 47 (Isoflurane only)

4. Total number of Operating Theatres using anaesthetic agents

We have 17 operating theatres in the Trust, all of which are equipped and able to use anaesthetic agents.

5. Average no. of operating hours per theatre per week (approx) or actual operating hours if this is recorded.

We have 14 operating theatres that are used predominantly for elective surgery and which are each used on average for 40 hours per week (although this may increase with week-end working if operational need dictates). The Trust has 1 trauma theatre, which is used for an average of 48 hours per week, and 3 24/7 theatres which are used for emergency and maternity cases.

6. Total annual spend on Sevoflurane per annum.

Under the Freedom of Information Act the Trust has a right to refuse an application for information held if an exemption applies. The Trust believes in this case such an exemption applies to your request and is therefore unable to disclose this information.

The details of exemption applied are contained under section 43 - 'Commercial Interests. Section 43 permits non-disclosure of information that would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person if it was disclosed. The specific reason for applying this exemption is that by disclosing the Trust's total spend per annum on *Sevoflurane* the contract purchase price of this product would

be capable of being calculated having already given the quantity purchased in 2010/11 in our response to question 1 and 2 of this request.

7. When using Sevoflurane, please advise the fresh gas (atypical) flow rate in Litres/minute.

The atypical Sevoflurane flow rate will be between 1 and 2 litres per minute.

8. Total annual spend on CO2 absorbent products

£8,500.00 (including VAT).