

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-810

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By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. General Information:

a. How many active Patient Group Directions (PGDs) does the Trust currently have in place?

171

b. In which departments or services within the Trust are PGDs most used?

Emergency Departments across the Trust

Eye Hospital

Radiology

Sexual Health Clinic

2. Usage of PGDs:

a. Over the past 3 years, how many patients have been treated under a PGD in the Trust?

We do not hold this information.

b. How does the Trust ensure that PGDs are only used by those healthcare professionals competent to do so?

Each department using PGDs has a PGD lead, and they take responsibility for ensuring that only HCPs who have done the Trust training and are competent using the PGDs. They hold lists of members of staff using PGDs within each department.

3. Types of Medications:

a. Please provide a list of all medications currently administered under a PGD within the Trust.

Aciclovir for genital herpes

Adrenaline IV for cardiac arrest

Amoxicillin for treatment of COPD / otitis media
Apixaban for DVT / PE
Aspirin for ACS, TIA or Stroke
Aspirin for pre-eclampsia
Atropine 1% eye drops
Azithromycin oral
Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) Vaccine (Occ Health)
Barium sulphate (Microcat) solution as bowel preparation
Barium sulphate solution for barium swallow and follow through
BCG Vaccine National PHE PGD
Benzocaine gel
Benzydamine spray
Betamethasone eye drops
Botulinum toxin (Dysport) for spasticity in children
Brimonidine eye drops
Brinzolamide eye drops
Cefalexin oral in paediatrics
Ceftriaxone injection
Cetirizine oral
Chloramphenicol eye drops
Chlorhexidine with neomycin nasal cream
Chlorphenamine tablets
Clarithromycin oral for tonsillitis or otitis media
Cleen Ready to Use enema
Clopidogrel oral following TIA
Clotrimazole cream
Clotrimazole pessaries
Co-Amoxiclav oral
Co-codamol 30/500 tablets
Codeine tablets
Combined Oral Contraception (National PGD)
Comirnaty 10 micrograms Covid (paediatrics)
Covid vaccine for adults
Cyclopentolate Hydrochloride BP 5mg/ml (0.5% w/v) eye drops
Desmopressin Injection
Dexamethasone for croup
Diazepam for back pain
Diclofenac suppositories
Dorzolamide/Timolol eye drops
Doxycycline capsules
DTP vaccine (Revaxis)
DTPP Vaccine (Repevax) Occ Health
DuoTrav eye drops
Emtricitabine / tenofovir tablets for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (National PGD)

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Enoxaparin injection
Entonox® for immediate or temporary analgesia
Estriol 0.01% cream
Etonogestrel Sub Dermal Contraceptive Implant (Nexplanon)
Evra patch
Ferrous sulphate tablets
Fluconazole oral
Fludroxycortide tape
Flumazenil injection
Furosemide IV for renal imaging
Fusidic Acid 1% Viscous Eye Drops
Gadoteric acid (Dotarem)
Gadoteric acid (Dotarem) - Weston
Gadovist National Template
Gastrografin solution (Weston)
Gastromiro
Glucagon injection
Heparin 100 units / mL injection for flush
Hepatitis A vaccine
Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccine (Twinrix®)
Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccine (Twinrix®)
Hepatitis A vaccine
Hepatitis B Vaccine
Hepatitis B Vaccine
HPV vaccine (Gardasil) for MSM
HPV vaccine (Gardasil) for prevention of HPV in >12 yrs
Human Tetanus Immunoglobulin for the treatment of tetanus prone wounds
Hydrocortisone for adrenal insufficiency
Hyoscine Butylbromide injection
Ibuprofen tablets
Imiquimod cream
Influenza vaccine (Staff)
Influenza Vaccine Patients (PHE National PGD)
Iohexol (Omnipaque)
Iomeprol (Iomeron)
Iopamidol (Niopam) - national
Ipratropium nebules
Ketorolac eye drops
Latanoprost eye drops
Latanoprost/Timolol eye drops
Levobupivacaine injection
Levonorgestrel IUS (Mirena / Levosert)
Levonorgestrel tablets

Lidocaine / Fluorescein eye drops
Lidocaine and phenylephrine topical solution
Lidocaine injection
Lidocaine injection ED
Lidocaine MSK (BNSSG)
Lidocaine Ointment
Lidocaine Spray
Lidocaine subcutaneous injection
Lidocaine/Adrenaline injection (Lignospan)
Loperamide capsules or tablets
Macrogol (children) sachets
Medroxyprogesterone (Depo-provera) injection
Medroxyprogesterone (Sayana Press) injection
Meningococcal conjugate Vaccine
Mepivacaine (Scandonest) injection
Methoxyflurane (Penthrox) for ED
Methyl aminolevulinate (Metvix) Cream
Methylprednisolone injection
Methylprednisolone injection (BNSSG) MSK
Methylprednisolone with lidocaine - MSK - BNSSG
Metoclopramide tablets
Metoprolol injection
Metoprolol tablets
Metronidazole tablets
Midazolam Injection
MMR vaccine
Morphine Sulphate solution Oral
Moviprep sachets
Mupirocin nasal ointment
Naproxen tablets
Nicotine replacement therapy
Nitrofurantoin oral
Nonoxinol Gel (Gygel)
Olopatadine eye drops
Omeprazole capsules
Omeprazole in ED
Ondansetron tablets
Oseltamivir for pre and post exposure H7N9 avian influenza
Oseltamivir non H7N9 avian flu
Oxybuprocaine eye drops
Oxygen
Paracetamol in adults
Paracetamol in children
Perflutren (Luminity)

Pertussis vaccine (National PGD)
Phenoxymethylpenicillin oral
Picolax® sachets for bowel clearance prior to bowel examination
Plenvu
Podophyllotoxin cream(Warticon)
Potassium iodide (Thysat) tablets
Povidine Iodine Eye Drops
Prednisolone tablets
Prilocaine Hydrochloride 30mg/ml with Felypressin 0.03IU/MI
Primovist (National Template)
Progesterone only Contraception (POP)
Proxymetacaine eye drops
Regadenoson (Rapiscan) solution for injection
Revaxis vaccine
Rivaroxaban tablets for Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT), Pulmonary Embolism and lower limb prophylaxis
Salbutamol inhaler for treatment of asthma
Salbutamol nebules adults
Salbutamol nebules children
Smallpox vaccine
Sodium chloride 0.9% for nebulisation
Sodium Chloride 0.9%flush
Sodium chloride bubbles
Sodium Chloride Intravenous Infusion 0.9% (physiological saline)
Sodium Citrate Enemas
Sulphur Hexafluoride(Sonovue) injection
Technescan PYP for Radiology
Tetracaine 4% gel
Tetracaine eyedrops
Timolol eye drops
Tranexamic Acid tablets
Travoprost eye drops
Triamcinolone injection
Trimethoprim oral
Tropicamide 5mg/ml eye drops
Typhoid vaccine
Ulipristal tablets
Varicella vaccine

b. Are there specific medications that the Trust has deemed unsuitable for PGD use? If so, which ones?

Yes – mifepristone, cytotoxic medicines, but all new PGD requests are assessed for suitability

4. Audit Policy:

a. How frequently does the Trust audit the use of PGDs?

Annually

b. What measures are in place to ensure the safe and appropriate use of PGDs, based on audit findings?

There is an audit tool which the Trust uses. Any discrepancies found by using this audit tool should be actioned by the PGD lead/lead pharmacist for the area.

c. Have there been any adverse events or incidents in the past 3 years related to the use of PGDs? If so, how many and what were the main issues identified?

There have been 13 incidents in the last 3 years relating to PGDs. The majority relate to giving analgesia at the incorrect time relative to previous doses that the patient took before attending the hospital.

5. Review and Update:

a. What is the Trust's policy on the regular review and update of PGDs?

Ensure that the PGD review is initiated three months before the expiry date unless a review is required more urgently in response to a change to the medicine(s) covered by the PGD.

b. How often are PGDs typically reviewed and updated within the Trust?

Every three years

c. Who is responsible for the creation, review, and update of PGDs within the Trust?

Medicines Information Lead Pharmacist

6. Training:

a. What training does the Trust provide to staff regarding the use of PGDs?

We have inhouse training which every member of staff using PGDs is expected to complete (this is then recorded on the Trust central training system). Once staff have completed this, they are assessed for competency against any specific PGD by the service lead for that area of practice.

b. How frequently is this training provided and updated?

The Trust training is updated every two years or when needed if sooner.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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