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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Topical Chlorhexidine for skin preparation prior to surgery.

*Please would you indicate the exact number of bottles of the following products that your hospital trust ordered in the last 12 months:*

- *2% chlorhexidine in 70% IPA (Ecolab) in 500ml bulk bottles with the manufacturer product code 3059670 and EAN code 4028163058733, and catalogue code MRB 613*
- *2% chlorhexidine in 70% IPA (Ecolab) in 200ml bottles with the manufacturer product code 3059650, the EAN code 4028163058757 and catalogue code MRB 620*
  
- *Has the hospital trust considered either or both MHRA guidance's?*
- *At which sub-committee of the board was this MHRA guidance considered?*
- *Please send through agenda, minutes or paperwork from that committee which demonstrates that the guidance was on the agenda, was presented and discussed at the meeting and a decision to follow or not-follow the guidance was made and documented*

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200ml – bottles 32  
500ml – bottles 1754

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust brought in the pre-packaged chlorhexidine applicators prior to the guidance and always use them in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

The Trust has reviewed our use of this product. Conducted a risk assessment and have taken through infection control committee and D&T