



## FOI 2218

Date 31/07/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

### A) Is compounding outsourced to an external provider in your region/city?

Yes – go to question A1)	Yes
No – go to question B)	

#### A1) What is the name of the external provider doing compounding preparation?

ITH Pharma, Baxter, Bath ASU

#### A2) What is the location of the external provider doing chemotherapy compounding?

North London, Oxford/Croydon, Corsham

### B) What manufacturing/compounding work is currently being performed by pharmacists at your Hospital/Trust?

#### C) What level/grade of cleanroom do you run and how many of them do you have?

##### C1) What size of unit do you currently run (square footage)?

##### C2) What is the number of staff in this unit?

##### C3) Do you currently run at your full capacity?

Yes

No

##### C4) If no, what % of capacity you're currently running?



**D) Do you provide services to any other hospital pharmacies?**

Yes

No

**D1). If yes, please specify which other hospitals you service:**

**E). How many days per week do you do compounding work? Please circle the relevant.**

No of days/week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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**F) Approximately, how many compounding's do you do each day in your facility?**

Number of compounding's per day:

**G) Approximately, how many pairs of gloves do you use per day for pharmacy compounding work in your facility? (including both under- and over-gloves)**

Number of under-gloves per day (pairs):

Number of over-gloves per day (pairs):

**G1) What proportion (%) of these are sterile gloves?**

**G2) Who is your current gloves provider(s)?**

**G3) What types of gloves do you use during compounding? Please put % for all relevant options.**

	Chemotherapy	Parenteral nutritional	Other – please specify: _____
Sterile exam gloves			
Non-sterile exam gloves			
Sterile PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) gloves			
Sterile Surgical gloves (medical device)			

**G4) What material are the majority of the sterile PPE/surgical gloves made of when used in pharmacy? Please put % for all relevant options.**



<b>Nitrile %</b>	
<b>Polychloroprene %</b>	
<b>Polyisoprene %</b>	
<b>Natural rubber latex %</b>	
<b>Other, please state: %</b>	

**G5) What material is the packaging of your sterile gloves?**

<b>Plastic</b>	
<b>Paper</b>	

**H) How do you currently purchase your hospital pharmacy gloves?**

**NHS SC**

**Directly from supplier**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Party provider / distributor (eg. Bunzl)**

**Other**

**I) How frequently do you place orders and is this your preferred frequency?**

**J) What local/national guidelines/accreditation/regulations/governing bodies do you adhere to?**

**K) When validating a new sterile PPE/surgical glove, do you have a specific protocol/evaluation to follow?**

**Yes**

**No**

**L) Who is involved in the validation process and what criteria do you follow (please indicate position/role, process and time frames)?**

**M) Which of these requirements apply for a sterile PPE/surgical glove in your facility? (please tick all relevant options):**

<b>Maximum liquid particle count level</b>	
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<b>Specific outer packaging requirements</b>	
<b>Plastic inner-wrap</b>	
<b>Be able to stay on isolator glove port for certain amount of time</b>	
<b>Withstand certain amount of alcohol disinfections</b>	
<b>Chemicals / chemotherapy agents breakthrough time results</b>	
<b>Certified for use for a certain clean room grade</b>	
<b>We have other requirements (add them....)</b>	
<b>No requirements are specified</b>	

**N) Which of these features of a sterile PPE/surgical glove would add value in your current practice? Please tick all relevant options.**

<b>Good fit, feel and comfort</b>	
<b>Durability</b>	
<b>Easy to open sterile barrier</b>	
<b>Double gloving</b>	
<b>Puncture detection</b>	
<b>Anti-slip cuff (stays on gown)</b>	
<b>Low endotoxin level</b>	
<b>Other features add value</b>	

**O) How often are gloves changed by operators working with compounding? Please state in relevant minutes.**

**Over-gloves**

**Under-gloves**

**P) What safety guidelines/recommendations does the Hospital / Trust currently follow?**

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Yours sincerely,

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