



FOI 2333

Date 28/07/2023

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:

1. Have medical staff/surgical team trained to carry out bloodless surgery.

Surgeons use tourniquet technique for orthopaedic surgery to minimise blood loss, cell salvage used to reinfuse surgical blood loss where patient comorbidities meets its use

2. Have autologous blood transfusion and patient's own cell salvage equipment available.

Call salvage Sorin machines at both Luton and Bedford

3. Keep stocks of synthetic blood transfusion substitutes.

Synthetic stocks kept on site - RHuEpo/Erythropoeitin, Coagulation Factors- Factor X111, Factor V111, Factor 1X, Factor, Factor V111 inhibitor, Vonwillebrand factor, Novo 7, Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor (G-CSF), Intravenous Iron, Tranexamic acid

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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