



## FOI 2356

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:

**1.a) Is any of the product(s) purchased/used in your hospital contain Chitin/Chitosan (e.g. surgical sutures, materials in wound healing/tissue engineering/dentistry/drug delivery)?**

No

**If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2a.**

**If the answer to Q1a is No then:**

**b) Do you plan on utilizing products containing Chitin/Chitosan in the next two years?**

No

**If the answer to Q1b is No, you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.**

**If the answer to Q1b is Yes, answer Q2a and then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.**

**2.a) What product(s) do you have in the hospital (or intend to purchase) that contains Chitin/Chitosan?**

**b) For each product listed in response to Question Q2a, could you please provide the following details:**

- The product's brand name.
- The purpose of the product and in which department it is used.
- The approximate volume of the product used/purchased over the last financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023).

**3. Has the hospital received any complaints or filed any cases of side effects from using the Chitin/Chitosan product(s) mentioned above?**

**If so, please provide detail of the following:**

- Number of cases in years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Description of the most three common side effects



- **Which product(s) caused the most commonly seen side effects**

**4. Is there any limitation(s), certification(s), or regulatory requirement(s) that are bounded when utilizing Chitin/Chitosan in the hospital (i.e. ISO standards or Ethics, etc.)? If so, please specify.**

**5. Is the hospital currently or will be promoting any new products containing chitin or chitosan?**

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Yours sincerely,

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