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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our response are below.

1. Does your organisation provide a chemotherapy service – this may include inpatient, Out-patient or a community service? *Chemotherapy service is mainly outpatient based in chemotherapy units at East Surrey Hospital and Crawley Hospital and on the haematology dedicated ward at East Surrey Hospital.*
2. In the past financial year, how many doses of chemotherapy did you deliver? (April 2016 – March 2017) *The Trust overall delivered 3717 chemotherapy attendances in April 16 – Mar 17 (attendances could equally be 'doses')*
3. In the past financial year, how many doses of anthracyclines did you administer? (April 2016 – March 2017) *In April 16 – March 17, the Trust administered approximately 1203 doses of anthracyclines*
4. In the past financial year, how many anthracycline extravasations have been reported due to chemotherapy? (April 2016 – March 2017) *Nil*
5. In the past 3 financial years, how many patients have submitted a claim for medical negligence and/or damages against the Trust/Health Board due to an anthracycline extravasation injury? *Nil*
6. In the past 3 financial years, how much compensation has the Trust/Health Board had to pay to those claimants who have suffered an anthracycline extravasation injury and have been successful in their medical negligence and/or damages case? *Nil*

7. Does your Trust/Health Board have in place guidelines as to how to recognise and manage an extravasation injury? If not, is this available via your Cancer Alliance/Network or another source? If other, Please state source
Trust/Health Board Guidelines Yes No If yes, when were they last updated?.....
Yes - We have a Trust extravasation policy, together with our Cancer Alliance Extravasation Policy. In Cancer Services, we follow our agreed Cancer Alliance Policy.

8. Does your Trust/Health Board stock or have readily available any of the following extravasation treatments for chemotherapy?

Sodium Thiosulfate Yes No If yes, how often used in the past financial year? (April 2016 – March 2017).....

Hyaluronidase Yes No If yes, how often used in the past financial year? (April 2016 – March 2017)...Once

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DMSO Yes No If yes, how often used in the past financial year? (April 2016 – March 2017).....

Dexrazoxane (Savene) Yes No If yes, how often used in the past financial year? (April 2016 – March 2017).....

9. In the past 3 financial years, how many annual reconstruction operations have been carried out by the Trust/Health Board due to an extravasation injury? Nil

10. Does your Trust/Health Board's plastics and or nursing team have the expertise/core competency to undertake the wash-out/flush-out technique if an extravasation occurs? Yes No

The Trust Chemotherapy nurses have expertise and are competent to undertake the wash out procedures. However, most of our patients would be referred to the Plastics Unit at Queen Victoria in East Grinstead in accordance with our Extravasation Policy where the wash out / flush out procedure is carried out.

11. If you answered yes to question 10, in the past 3 financial years, how many wash-out/flush-out procedures have been carried out by the Trust/Health board due to an extravasation incident? Nil