

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

FOI 3119

Nasogastric tubes

1. Please can you confirm the number of nasogastric tubes procured by the Trust for the financial year 2014/15?
2464
2. Please indicate the split for 2014/15 for nasogastric tubes procured by the Trust across the following areas?
General Ward **1709**
High dependency unit **755**
Home use **unknown**
Other **unknown**
3. Please indicate if the trust is compliant with the Patient Safety Alert NPSA/2011/PSA002: Reducing the harm caused by misplaced nasogastric feeding? tubes in adults, children and infants.? **The Trust had a never event which involved the misplacing of a nasogastric tube in 2014/15. Actions have been taken since this event to ensure that this would not happen again. These actions included the replacement of non-compliant NG products, local training, and a trust wide alert.**
4. During insertion of a new nasogastric tube can you please confirm the 1st line method for confirming the correct placement? **pH aspirate**
5. Please provide details of the hospital performance against the NPSA Standard to record and document the confirmation of the pH aspirate prior to feeding through a nasogastric tube for 2014/15? **The Trust is currently auditing its practice.**
6. Please indicate the number of chest x-rays requested to confirm the correct position of a nasogastric tube when pH aspiration has not been successful for 2014/15? **Unknown. We do not collect these data.**
7. Please indicate the number / proportion of patients identified in the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) monthly delayed discharge reports "Awaiting care package in own home" where the lack of capacity to aspirate an NG tube prior to feeding was highlighted in the delayed discharge report in 2014/15? **Unknown. We do not collect these data.**