FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-75
Subject: Compounding and Automated Compounding Devices

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **27/01/2026** where you requested information about **Compounding and Automated Compounding Devices.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Specifically, I would like to request information on compounding practice, and automated compounding devices in your aseptic unit. If you are in the process of opening an aseptic unit, please answer these questions as if it was open, based on estimated volumes.	
Question	**Answer**
Section 1	
Do you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition in your aseptic unit? (This should not include adding vitamins and trace elements to multi chamber licensed products) • Yes • No	No
If no, why? • Completely Outsourced • Patient Numbers • Other, please specify	Completely Outsourced
If no, please proceed to Section 2 and 3. If yes, please proceed with the questions below.	
How do you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition? • Automated Compounding Device (ACDs) • Manual, Gravity or Syringe Fill (Please proceed to Section 2 and 3) • Other, please specify (Please proceed to Section 2 and 3)	N/A
If you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition with an ACD, please answer the below.	
How many validated and in-use ACDs do you have in your aseptic unit?	N/A

How many spares/not in-use ACDs do you have?	N/A
Do you own your ACDs or are they loaned?	N/A
How old are your ACDs? • Between 1 and 3 years old • Between 4 and 8 years old • Older than 8 years old	N/A
Section 2	
Do you compound Systemic Anti-cancer Therapies (SACT) (chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy) in your aseptic unit? • Yes • No	No
If no, why? • Completely Outsourced • Patient Numbers • Other, please specify	Completely Outsourced
If no, please proceed to Section 3. If yes, please proceed with the questions below.	
How do you compound chemotherapy? • Manually • Automated compounding devices (ACDs) • Repeater pumps • Other, please specify	N/A
If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?	N/A
What drug categories do you compound, and in what quantity? • MABS • Cytotoxics • Other, please specify	N/A
What are your final filling containers? • IV bags • Syringes • Elastomeric devices • Other, please specify	N/A
Section 3	
Do you compound antibiotic preparations in your aseptic unit? • Yes • No	No
If no, why?	Completely Outsourced

• Outsourced • Patient Numbers • Other, please specify	
If no, please disregard this section. If yes, please proceed with the questions below.	
How do you compound antibiotics? • Manually • Automated compounding devices (ACDs) • Repeater pumps • Other, please specify	N/A
If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?	N/A
What antibiotic quantities do you manufacture?	N/A
What are your final filling containers? • IV bags • Syringes • Elastomeric devices • Other, please specify	N/A

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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