

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding the wound dressings used within Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, specifically seeking details on whether these dressings contain chitosan and information about the source of these wound dressings.

I am particularly interested in the following details:

For the time period, could you cover at least the past 5 years. Oct-2018 to Oct-2023

[We have obtained the information below from the NHS supply chain database, which only contains information from 1st April 19 to 21st November 2.](#)

- 1) The types or brands of wound dressings currently used by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.
[Please see attached document.](#)
- 2) The sources of purchase for these wound dressings, including the names of suppliers or vendors.
[We can confirm that all of our wound dressing are purchased from the NHS Supply Chain.](#)
- 3) Whether these wound dressings contain chitosan as one of their components or ingredients.
[In view of the fact that we do not hold any documented information in order to confirm the above, we are unable to respond.](#)
- 4) If available, any data or studies the hospital has regarding the efficacy of these chitosan-based dressings.
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