

Date: 16th February 2026
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 244

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Compounding Practice, and Automated Compounding Devices (CORP 25/26 – 244)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 27th January 2026.

Your Request:

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

If no, why?

- Completely Outsourced
- Patient Numbers
- Other, please specify

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)

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?

How many spares/not in-use ACDs do you have?

Do you own your ACDs or are they loaned?

How old are your ACDs?

- Between 1 and 3 years old
- Between 4 and 8 years old
- Older than 8 years old

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Section 2

Do you compound Systemic Anti-cancer Therapies (SACT) (chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy) in your aseptic unit?

- Yes
- No

If no, why?

- Completely Outsourced
- Patient Numbers
- Other, please specify

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

If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?

What drug categories do you compound, and in what quantity?

- MABS
- Cytotoxics
- Other, please specify

What are your final filling containers?

- IV bags
- Syringes
- Elastomeric devices
- Other, please specify

Section 3

Do you compound antibiotic preparations in your aseptic unit?

- Yes
- No

If no, why?

- Outsourced
- Patient Numbers
- Other, please specify

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*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

If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?

What antibiotic quantities do you manufacture?

What are your final filling containers?

- IV bags
- Syringes
- Elastomeric devices
- Other, please specify

Please find the Trust's response below:

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)

- No

If no, why?

- Completely Outsourced

The further questions in **Section 1** are not applicable.

Section 2

Do you compound Systemic Anti-cancer Therapies (SACT) (chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy) in your aseptic unit?

- Yes

How do you compound chemotherapy?

- Manually

What drug categories do you compound, and in what quantity?

- **MABS** - 699
- **Other, please specify** – 2589*

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*There is no "category" of drugs recorded as a data item, so we are unable to provide this. We were able to identify MABS as these are denoted by drug names ending in "mab" but for anything more granular, this would need a manual review of each record. Therefore, the Trust is applying an exemption under under Section 12 Freedom of Information Act (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit), the legislation in this instance states:

12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In reaching this decision we estimate that it would take a minimum of 43 hours or £1075 an amount of £625 over the core amount of £450 extra to obtain the data.

What are your final filling containers?

- IV bags
- Syringes
- Elastomeric devices

Section 3

Do you compound antibiotic preparations in your aseptic unit?

- No

If no, why?

- **Other, please specify** – all prepared on the ward.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

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Yours sincerely

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