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I am responding to your request for information received 30 October 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding the wound dressings used within East London 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:

Question 1: The types or brands of wound dressings currently used by East London NHS Foundation Trust.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:
(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here: Point 18.

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/Wound%20Management%20Guidelines%207.1.doc>

Question 2: The sources of purchase for these wound dressings, including the names of suppliers or vendors.

Answer: Purchased through NHS supply chain via Oracle (SBS).

Suppliers:

- Supply Chain Coordination Limited
- LBG Medical Ltd
- Promedics Orthopaedic Ltd
- Medisave UK Ltd
- Care Shop Ltd
- A Algeo Ltd
- Fire Nest Candles Ltd
- Timesco Healthcare Ltd
- Hugh Steeper Ltd
- Seton
- Alsico Laucuba Ltd
- Formthotics Uk
- Huntleigh Healthcare Ltd
- Robinson Healthcare Ltd
- Djo UK Ltd
- Teqex Ltd

Question 3: Whether these wound dressings contain chitosan as one of their components or ingredients.

Answer: The wound dressings supplied to the Trust do not contain Chitosan.

Question 4: If available, any data or studies the hospital has regarding the efficacy of these chitosan-based dressings.

Answer: Not applicable.



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