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I am responding to your request for information received 15th January 2025 which was further clarified on the 16th January 2025. 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,

FOI Team

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Request:

Question 1: Does your Trust provide in-house aseptic compounding services? If yes:

- a. What type of aseptic products are prepared in-house (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?
- b. How many aseptic units does your Trust operate?
- c. Please confirm whether each aseptic unit operated by your trust is on-site or off-site. If off-site, please specify the location

Answer: No, ELFT does not operate an aseptic service.

Question 2: Do you outsource any aseptic compounding services to external providers (either NHS Trusts or industry providers)? If yes:

- a. To which organisations do you outsource aseptic compounding services?
- b. What type of aseptic products are outsourced to these organisations (e.g. chemotherapy, SACT, parenteral nutrition, CIVAS, antibiotics)?
- c. When are these contracts due to run until?
- d. What is the value of each of these contracts per annum?

Answer: No, ELFT does not operate an aseptic service.

Question 3: Does your Trust have plans to expand or upgrade its existing aseptic compounding facilities? If yes, please provide details.

Clarification: The details we are seeking for the highlighted questions may include:

- The specific locations that are to be expanded or upgraded
- The amount of funding that has been allocated to expansion of upgrades
- Timelines for expansion or upgrades
- To what extent facilities are to be expanded (i.e. growth in output capacity, any new sites to be constructed and their locations, which services are to be expanded – e.g. a higher output of chemotherapy preparations)
- To what extent facilities are to be upgraded (i.e. new aseptic preparation technology or solutions, increase in portfolio of aseptics to be prepared at existing sites, any new automation, any new capabilities)

Answer: Not Applicable.

Question 4: Are there existing or planned strategic partnerships or collaborations (with other NHS Trusts or industry providers) to expand or enhance aseptic services?

Answer: Not Applicable.



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Question 5: Are there plans to transition more services in-house or increase outsourcing for aseptic preparations? If yes, please provide detail of these plans

Clarification: The details we are seeking for the highlighted questions may include:

- If services are to be transitioned in-house: on which sites will these services be carried, what will the additional internal output for aseptic preparations be, for which specific aseptic products will this be (e.g. antibiotics, chemotherapy etc.)
- If outsourcing of services is to be increased: to which organisations will services be further outsourced, how much output for aseptic preparations will be outsourced, for which specific aseptic products will this be (e.g. antibiotics, chemotherapy etc.)
- For both of the above, what is the current stage and timelines for the plans

Answer: Not Applicable.

Question 6: Who is the best person to contact regarding the setup of aseptic compounding services for your organisation? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible.

Answer: Stuart Banham, Chief Pharmacist, 020 7655 4000.



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