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We are responding to your request for information received 13th August 2026. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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:

Please provide the following information for the 12-month period [insert dates] relating to the use of 4% chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) products within your Trust.

Question 1: For all 4% chlorhexidine products used for patient decolonisation, skin antisepsis, surgical hand antisepsis or surgical scrubbing, please provide:

- Product brand name
- Manufacturer/supplier
- Pack size
- Total quantity purchased during the period (units, bottles, litres, cartridges, sachets, etc.)
- Total annual spend (£)

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

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not use chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) products. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: In addition, please provide details of any associated dispensing systems purchased for use with these products during the same period, including:

- Pumps
- Reusable or replacement pump heads
- Wall-mounted dispensers
- Dispenser bottles
- Any other dispensing accessories specifically used with 4% chlorhexidine products

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: For each dispensing system or accessory, please provide:

- Product description
- Quantity purchased
- Total annual spend (£)

Where available, please also identify the primary departments or clinical areas using these products (for example: Theatres, ICU, Orthopaedics, Renal, Maternity, Cardiology, etc.).



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If your Trust has a standardised patient decolonisation protocol, please confirm whether 4% chlorhexidine products form part of the protocol and identify the product(s) used.

Answer: Not Applicable.



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