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## **Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract**

**You asked**

Please see attachment.

**Attachments included:** No

To the responsible FOI Officer,

***These questions are best answered by the Chief Nurse / DIPC***

As you will be aware, healthcare organisations are obligated to meet the requirements for the critical clinical competency of aseptic technique in the Health & Social Care Act 2008, and associated regulation 2010, 2012 and 2015 – monitored and randomly assessed by the CQC.

**Health & Social Care Act 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015: Statutory requirements for aseptic technique:**

1. All relevant staff should receive **education, training and assessment**
2. The technique should be **standardised** across the organisation
3. Compliance should be monitored by **audit**

**Background to this FOI request**

Aseptic technique is a generic term evolved historically without clear consensus on its principles and process. In contrast, Aseptic Non Touch Technique (ANTT<sup>®</sup>), is recognised by NICE as a, '**Specific type of aseptic technique with a unique theory and practice framework**' (NICE 2012). ANTT is now the most commonly used aseptic technique in the UK and is used widely internationally with Governments increasingly mandating its use at a national level, such as in Australia and Wales.

The purpose of this FOI survey is to:

- a) Explore how organisations are meeting the above requirements of the Health & Social Care Act 2008 for aseptic technique.
- b) Establish the utilisation of ANTT in England in the NHS and private sector.
- c) Support organisations to meet the above statutory requirements.

**Survey information**

**The name of your organisation: \_**

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

1. Does your organisation have a standard aseptic technique?

**Yes**

***IF YES: Please continue to question 2. IF NO: Please go direct to question 9.***

2. What is your standard aseptic technique called?

- a) We use ANTT **Yes (If no go to 2b)**
  - b) We use an alternative standard aseptic technique: *(State what this standard technique is termed and where it is defined)*
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3. Is ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique stipulated in policy(s)? **Yes**
4. Does your organisation provide specific education and training for ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique? **Yes**
5. Does your organisation provide clinical competency assessment for ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique? **Yes**

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is compliance to ANTT or your alternative standard aseptic technique audited? **Yes**

Comment: **Monthly during High Impact observations for care of in dwelling devices**

7. Does your organisation provide a periodic competency assessment update? **Yes**

Frequency: **Service lines are required to include ANTT competency assessments annually these may be with device training or wound care.**

8. Does your organisation use ANTT Procedure Guideline? **Yes they are available**

**If you answered 'Yes' to Question 1 you have completed the survey – thank you**

**If you answered 'No' to Question 1 please answer the below:**

9. What best describes the different aseptic techniques used in your organisation:

(Please tick all that apply)

- Aseptic technique**
- ANTT**

- Sterile** technique
- Clean** technique
- Non-touch** technique
- A combination of the above
- Other**

Describe: \_\_\_Out trust guideline is for Aseptic Technique and includes ANTT

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