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Subject: Number and usage of Patient Group Directions

- Q1 General Information:
a. How many active Patient Group Directions (PGDs) does the Trust currently have in place?
b. In which departments or services within the Trust are PGDs most used?
- A1 a. 31 active PGDs
b. Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.
- Q2 Usage of PGDs:
a. Over the past 3 years, how many patients have been treated under a PGD in the Trust?
b. How does the Trust ensure that PGDs are only used by those healthcare professionals competent to do so?
- A2 Information not held - Number of patients is not available. Access to the EPMA system is role based so unless they are a non-medical prescriber or have completed PGD training, they don't have access to "prescribe"
- Q3 Types of Medications:
a. Please provide a list of all medications currently administered under a PGD within the Trust.
b. Are there specific medications that the Trust has deemed unsuitable for PGD use? If so, which ones?
- A3 a.
Flu Vaccine x 3
COVID vaccine x 2
Ciprofloxacin Dexamethasone drops
Clotrimazole 1% solution
Cyclopentolate 0.5% and 1%
Dotarem acid
Cefalexin
Chloramphenicol eye drops or ointment
Entonox
Fucibet cream
Ibuprofen oral
Heparin 10 units/ml
Sodium Chloride 0.9% IV flush
Iohexal Omnipaque
Hyoscine Butyrbromide IV
Klean Prep

Lidocaine 1% IV
Naseptin nasal cream
Octenisan and Mupirocin
Paracetamol oral
Silver nitrate
Sodium chloride 0.9% neb
Sodium chloride 3% neb
Sodium chloride 7% neb

b. The Trust has declined use of PGDs for insulin

- Q4 Audit Policy:
- How frequently does the Trust audit the use of PGDs?
 - What measures are in place to ensure the safe and appropriate use of PGDs, based on audit findings?
 - Have there been any adverse events or incidents in the past 3 years related to the use of PGDs? If so, how many and what were the main issues identified?
- A4 a & b. Information not held -The Trust does not have a regular audit programme for PGDs
- We are not aware of any adverse events or incidents related to the use of PGDs
- Q5 Review and Update:
- What is the Trust's policy on the regular review and update of PGDs?
 - How often are PGDs typically reviewed and updated within the Trust?
 - Who is responsible for the creation, review, and update of PGDs within the Trust?
- A5
- PGDs are uploaded and accessed via the online the Document Management System hosted on the intranet.
 - PGDs are usually given a 3 year review date, however national PGDs for COVID and Influenza are reviewed on an annual basis.
 - PGDs are created and updated by the relevant clinical team. The Medicines Management and Optimisation Committee review and approve PGDs
- Q6 Training:
- What training does the Trust provide to staff regarding the use of PGDs?
 - How frequently is this training provided and updated?
- A6
- Generic PGD training must be completed before any member of the Trust can operate PGDs.
 - Once this has been completed it is the member of staff's responsibility to keep up to date with the published PGD and any relevant clinical training required