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Subject: Products used for antiseptic skin preparation

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1) Please confirm if St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust follows NICE guidance 125 (Surgical Site Infections: Prevention and Treatment) when carrying out antiseptic skin preparation?

Yes

a. If yes, please provide a copy of St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust s most up-to-date surgical site infection prevention protocol

The relevant section of the operating theatre standard operating policy is attached to the email

2) How does St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust communicate the category difference between antiseptic products that are medicines vs biocides and their intended use?

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not hold this information.

3) Can you please specify which antiseptic skin preparation products are used in St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust s operating theatres for the purposes of prevention of surgical site infections?

When	Choice of antiseptic skin preparation Product (brand)
First Choice unless contraindicated or the surgical site is next to a	Alcohol based solution of chlorhexidine Chloraprep or Chlorhexidine 0.5% in

Mucous Membrane	Alcohol (Hydrex/Ecolab)
If the site is next to a Mucous membrane	Aqueous solution of chlorhexidine 4% Chlorhexidine aqueous surgical scrub – NICE Recommended but off-licence used so rarely used in practice (Ecolab)
If Chlorhexidine is contraindicated	10% Povidone in alcohol (Ecolab)
If both an alcohol-based solution and chlorhexidine are unsuitable	Aqueous based solution of Aqueous Povidone-Iodine Videne 10% (Ecolab)

- 4) Does St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust obtain patient consent prior to surgical procedures?**
a. If yes, please provide the written material that St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust uses to obtain consent.

Yes - See attachment in email