

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 12/07/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1 i) Please could you supply the dosage table for intravenous oxytocin infusion (It might be called Syntocinon.) from your Trust's Induction of Labour (or Augmentation of Labour) policy? If it was recently updated, please supply the previous one, also. Thank you.

5.3 Oxytocin Prescription and Administration

Syntocinon 10units + Normal saline 39ml IV

Administered as per protocol

Protocol

- Prescription must be obtained from a doctor following a complete clinical assessment at the bedside.
 - Junior medical staff can prescribe Syntocinon infusion at the request of a senior doctor only.
 - Only a senior doctor (ST3+ or consultant) can make the decision to start syntocinon in a multiparous woman, or woman with a scarred uterus or with any woman who is in 2nd stage of labour.
- Use a syringe driver, and ensure the giving set is purged correctly
- Use the dose-regimen table below

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Volume (mls/hour)	infused	Equivalent Oxytocin dose (mu/min)
0.5		2
1		4
2		8
3		12
4		16
5		20
6		24
7		28
8		32



document, please give the make and model of infusion pump used on your labour ward. (If more than one is in use, please list them all.) Thank you.

The document does not stipulate the make and model of the infusion pump.

2) Please supply your month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for last year, or, an average rate per month that includes all PPHs (i.e. over 500ml, over 1000ml and over 1500ml), whichever is easier. Thank you.

PPH > 1500 mls	
M/Y	%
Apr-18	3.3
May-18	3.2
Jun-18	1
Jul-18	4
Aug-18	2.1
Sep-18	3
Oct-18	3
Nov-18	2.9
Dec-18	2.4
Jan-19	1.9
Feb-19	3.2
Mar-19	4

3) How many units of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018?

4) What was the cost to your maternity service of blood and substitute blood products transfused during 2018?

5) What was the total cost of transfusion services to your maternity unit, including unused products that had been ordered, in 2018?

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate the information you have requested in a centralised system.