

Request title:
Cancer Units Environmental Monitoring

Date of Response: 05th January 2017

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

1. Does your Trust conduct regular environmental monitoring, risk assessment and/or staff surveillance within cancer day units to detect possible chemical contamination from hazardous drugs being administered? E.g. Surface contamination wipe tests.
2. If so, what assessments/tests are conducted and how often are they carried out?

Reply

1. A general risk assessment is undertaken for cytotoxics within the day case units, all harmful agents are manufactured in CIVAS (central intravenous additive service) Administration is undertaken with closed devices therefore minimal risk for contamination. All staff are trained in Cytotoxic administration and wear protective clothing
2. Please see answer to question 1.