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Date: 22/12/25
Subject: Formaldehyde exposure in GI endoscopy

REQUEST

Under the Environmental Information Regulations (2004), please provide the following information with regards to employee formaldehyde exposure in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suites.

Documents to disclose:

Please provide the formaldehyde exposure risk assessment that is currently used by the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy team to fulfill employer obligations under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 6.

Please provide *all* formaldehyde exposure monitoring data (both fixed static monitoring and personal badge monitoring, with personal details redacted as appropriate) relating to the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy service encompassing the last 12 months that is used to fulfill employer obligations under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 10. It is noted that such records should be kept available for at least 5 years under COSHH regulations (2002) Section 10(5)(b).

Questions:

How often is regular scheduled formaldehyde exposure monitoring undertaken in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suite?

What is the total number of occasions formaldehyde regular scheduled exposure monitoring has been undertaken in the Trust's gastrointestinal endoscopy suites over the last 12 months?

RESPONSE

Please see attached documents. Endoscopy levels range from 0.022 to 0.035.

The Trust now have an internal system that continually monitors our chemical levels at each area including formalin.