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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 26/06/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

I'd be grateful if you could provide me with details of which hospital(s) within your trust area:

1. Have medical staff/surgical team trained to carry out bloodless surgery.

All surgical teams are trained to minimise blood loss and reduce the need for transfusions. Cell salvage is available for all elective and emergency cases as required.

2. Have autologous blood transfusion and patient's own cell salvage equipment available.

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust has intraoperative cell salvage available in main and maternity theatres but the Trust does not perform any autologous blood transfusion.

3. Keep stocks of synthetic blood transfusion substitutes.

There are no synthetic alternatives available in the UK at the present time for red cells or other blood components.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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