

May 16th 2018**BY EMAIL**
[REDACTED]Tel: 028 9536 3863
Email: FOI.BSO@hscni.net**Our Ref: FOI 869**

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on April 12th 2018 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to Parietex Mesh.

In response to your request BSO can advise, by way of background, that there is currently in place a HSC Framework which covers a wide range of products including the supply of mesh products. Parietex is available from this Framework. The specification for Tacking Devices and Mesh products was generic within the tender and not identified for use in specific procedures.

Lot 5 Tacking Devices and Mesh	
CORE PRODUCTS - SPECIFICATION	NOTIONAL ANNUAL USAGE (SINGLES)
Please submit a product which represents your full product range.	10
Due to the range of products covered within this Lot an notional annual quantity of 10 has been used Items that can be included in the non-core list for Lot 5 All other sizes/options of Core Products should be included in the Non Core. Wide range of mesh including but not limited to absorbable and non absorbable ,surgical, lightweight, composite, monofilament , flat, knitted, self fixating, dual sided and two dimensional in a range of sizes and shapes Skin adhesive, synthetic glue and fixation devices	

HSC Trusts draw their selected products from suppliers on the Framework based on the appropriateness and suitability for a particular procedure. That is a decision for individual Clinicians/Trusts.

In order to respond directly to your information request:

1. BSO does not hold records on the use of Parietex mesh for or in relation to hernia related surgery.



2. BSO does not hold information relating to any recall issued by any manufacturer and or supplier of any material of any type, including, but not limited to Parietex, used for or in connection with hernia related surgery.
3. BSO does not hold information relating to the suitability or otherwise, of any mesh used for hernia related surgery, including, but not limited to, Parietex.

HSC Organisations may hold such information. Trust contact details are as follows:

- BHSCT: publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net
- NHSCT: info.governance@northerntrust.hscni.net
- SEHECT: informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net
- SHSCT: Foi.Team@southerntrust.hscni.net
- WHSCT: foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,



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Liam McIvor
Chief Executive