

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/391
Aseptic no-touch technique (ANTT)

I understand that Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT) has been implemented across your organisation. See - <https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/antt/overview-of-the-antt-initiative-in-wales/>

1. What assessment of ANTT was done prior to implementation?

- Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) participated in the All Wales pre-implementation questionnaires about knowledge of staff on aseptic technique.

2. What empirical evidence was used to support or inform this prior to and during its introduction?

- Not for profit organisation Association of Aseptic Practice (ASAP) are the experts and have published.
- ANTT is a framework for Aseptic technique adopted and was mandated for Wales as a whole. It was implemented as part of the 'Once for Wales' approach to standardise aseptic practice.

3. What evaluations of ANTT have been done to assess its safety and effectiveness?

- An All Wales Steering Group was set up to co-ordinate the implementation. There was attendance at ANTT workshops hosted by Public Health Wales that ASAP had organised.
- A separate steering group was set up to agree an All Wales approach to ANTT in pre-registration health training – all Welsh Universities teach using ANTT, all students have to complete the eLearning – medics, paramedics, nursing, midwifery, podiatry and physio etc.
- The UHB has seen reduction in BSI's and PVC infections in many areas across the Health Board since the implementation, information is available on the PHW HARP website.