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Requested

1. Please could I kindly request information in respect of the volume per annum of methylene blue dye that you purchase for example, Blue Marker, Patent Blue for use as a surgical dye.
2. Could you provide information on which surgical specialties use methylene blue as a surgical dye?

Response:

1. The table below provides the number of Methylene Blue dyes that were purchased within the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years.

Financial Year	2017/18	2018/19
Methylene Blue 1% - 10 x 5ml amps	7	2
Patent Blue 2.5% - 5 x 2ml amps	57	69

2. The UHB confirms Gynaecology is the principle surgical specialty that use methylene blue as a surgical dye.