

CHEMICAL DECONTAMINATION IN ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN THE UK

QUESTIONNAIRE

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| 1) Does your department have a written plan for chemical decontamination? | YES/NO |
| 2) Does your department have a decontamination area?
If yes, please state whether this is | YES/NO |
| a) room | ☐ |
| b) tent | ☐ |
| c) other | ☐ |
| 3) Does your decontamination facility have separate external (dirty) and internal (clean) entrances? | YES/NO |
| 4) Do you have sufficient heavy duty polythene and tape to seal off your decontamination area? | YES/NO/NA |
| 5) Can you isolate the air circulation system in your decontamination facility from the rest of your department? | YES/NO/NA |
| 6) Do you have facilities for dry-vacuuming poisons? | YES/NO |
| 7) Does your decontamination facility have a shower? | YES/NO |
| 8) Do you have a specialised drainage system or hoses and containers suitable for collection of seriously contaminated washings? | YES/NO |
| 9) Do you stock shower gel/shampoo/soap? | YES/NO |
| 10) Do you have a decontamination trolley (Manchester or similar)? | YES/NO |
| 11) Do you have protective, anti-chemical clothing for staff? | YES/NO |
| 12) Do you have protective goggles? | YES/NO |
| 13) Do you have rapid access to breathing apparatus? | YES/NO |
| 14) Does your hospital stock the following antidotes to cyanide poisoning? | |
| a) amyl nitrite | YES/NO |
| b) sodium thiosulphate 25% iv | YES/NO |
| c) dicobalt edetate (Kelocyanor) 1.5% iv | YES/NO |
| d) sodium nitrite 3% iv | YES/NO |

Please estimate how many casualties you could decontaminate in a 2-3 hour period (assuming none has life-threatening injuries)

If you would like to identify your hospital, please write the name here:-

Please return in enclosed envelope to:
Miss. G. George, A&E Department, Horton Hospital, Banbury, Oxon. OX16 9AL

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

Figure 1 The decontamination questionnaire