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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

**Under the terms of the act, I am looking to receive the following information in relation to Wigan Hospital**

**1a) The total number of prescription errors that have occurred within your hospital between 2010 – present. I would like this information broken down per ward for each year.**

In 2014, we reclassified how we record medication incidents on Datix. From that time, we have a specific category called “medication prescribing incidents”. Therefore we are only able to respond to this FOI with effect from 2014 to date. From 2014 to date, RAEI recorded 1,331 medical prescribing incidents of different harm severities, as per the attached.

**1b) Of those, how many resulted in patient deaths. I would like this information broken down per ward for each year.**

There was 1 patient death reported in 2016, on Standish ward

**2) How many Prescription errors that occurred within your hospital between the years 2010 – present involved the following drugs. I would like this information broken down per ward by year'**

- insulin
- opiod/morphine related medication

We cannot provide this level of detail without applying intellectual analysis to the 1,331 incidents reported. This would take in excess of the 18 hours permitted under the FOI Act.

**2b) Of those in question 2, how many prescription errors resulted in the patient's death. I would like the information per ward by year.**

Not applicable, as per above. There were no incidents reported to STEIS relating to this medication.

**3) The total amount spent by your hospital on the following medication per ward, broken down by year for the following drugs**

- insulin
- opiod/morphine related medication

Please see the attached document.

**4) The unit value of the following drugs ordered by individual wards within your hospital, broken down by year**

- insulin
- opiod/morphine related medication

Please see the attached document

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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