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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:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to missing or unaccounted for hospital drugs.

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. *Please state the quantity of controlled drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?*

- *Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing*

Please see refusal notice below.

2. *Please state the quantity of prescription drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?*

- *Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing.*

Please see refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice: Having considered the Public Interest Test, the Trust is applying Section 31, Law Enforcement and therefore we are unable to provide any further details. We believe that if we placed this information in the public domain it would increase the likelihood of theft from Trust premises. Maintaining a secure drug stock is vital to the ongoing operations of the Trust and the duty of care to our patients.

3. *Please state the monetary value of the missing or unaccounted for drugs, broken down by each of the last three calendar years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?*

We do not hold this information.

4. Please state the number of cases referred to police and relevant professional regulators

Controlled Drugs incidents (including losses) are reported on our incident reporting system (Datix) and also reported to the NHS Local Controlled Drugs Network which has representation from GM Police.

5. Please describe auditing procedures that take place relating to controlled and non-controlled medicines.

Monthly controlled drugs audit and monthly safe / secure audits of medicines storage

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,



Rob Forster
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance & Informatics

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF