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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:

Regarding my previous FOI request dated 1/9/16, based on the feedback from trusts in response to the request sent previously, we would like to withdraw the original and any subsequent requests as we do not wish to submit NHS staff to significant additional work and as such would like to revise and resubmit the question as below. We apologise to any trusts who have already undertaken this work – responses will still be gratefully received and processed as part of this work.

For 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, please indicate how you have delivered or plan to deliver savings on medicines in the example format shown in the table below. Where product switches have been made outside of contract lines, please indicate for which specific drugs. Regional or national contract savings do not need to be reported.

Year	Scheme	Approximate saving
2014-15	Switch from soluble to plain prednisolone.	£10,000
2015-16	Biosimilar infliximab gainshare	£15,000
2015-16	IV paracetamol restriction	£2,000
2016-17	Biosimilar etanercept gainshare	£10,000

We assume that finance or pharmacy departments will hold a summary of savings schemes for each year which should be readily accessible. We find it difficult to understand how Trusts are committed to making significant savings without keeping any records of how these savings are made. We also do not believe that these schemes are commercially sensitive as we are not asking for suppliers, quantities or prices - we are solely requesting high level figures for each scheme. If you are unable to provide this detail, please clarify the governance process by which savings are recorded and submitted to the finance department for review.

Please note that all of these schemes in 16/17 have yet to be enacted or are just being enacted so the figures represent projections.

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YEAR	SCHEME	APPROXIMATE SAVING
2015/16	Ward based discharging/recycling	£14,000
2015/16	Inhaler optimisation	£3,500
2015/16	Bolus IV drugs on wards	£32,000
2015/16	Biosimilar infliximab – gainshare – new patients	£5,000
2015/16	OSD for VTE treatment	£2,500
2015/16	Sulphasalazine original pack dispensing	£500
2016/17	Prednisolone soluble	£33,000
2016/17	Move Remicade patients to homecare - gainshare	£40,000
2016/17	Bolus IV drugs – hospital at home team	£2,000
2016/17	Bone cement rationalisation	£17,000
2016/17	Pain packs	£2,000
2016/17	Teicoplanin vial instead of vialmates	£36,000
2016/17	Benepali for new rheum patients	£73,000
2016/17	Rituximab from Hope rather than Baxters (gainshare)	£72,500
2016/17	Tocilizumab subcut for new rheum patients	£59,000
2016/17	Recycling of unwanted stocks	£50,000
2016/17	Standard infusion bags instead of Minibag plus	£16,000

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,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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