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Date Received: 6th December 2023

Response Due: 8th January 2024

Date: 25th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6th December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. What is the **total value** of spend by your NHS Trust on unlicensed medication (i.e. Special Order, Drug Tariff Special Order, Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order) that have a BNF liquid formulation (e.g. liquid, solution, suspension)? Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years (*please fill in the tables below*).

We do not record this information on our Pharmacy system.

Total value:

| Type | Total spend / cost on liquid unlicensed products procured | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-22 to Mar-23 |
| Special Order | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Drug Tariff Special Order | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Other Special | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Total volume:

| Type | Total volume of liquid unlicensed products procured | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-20 to Mar-21 |
| Special Order | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Drug Tariff Special Order | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Other Special | N/A | N/A | N/A |

2. Do you outsource the manufacturing of liquid unlicensed products?

We do not record this information on our Pharmacy system.

3. If no to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), what proportion of the products that you manufacture in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?

4. If yes to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), what is the total value of spend by provider? Please provide this information for the following years (please fill in the tables below).

Note: If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

| Outsourcing provider <i>(fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required)</i> | Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider | | |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-20 to Mar-21 |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Masterman
Associate Director of Pharmacy (Governance Assurance)

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111