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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.

*I would like to make a FOI request for the following questions. If you would be able to help me find an answer then it would be greatly appreciated! Many thanks in advance...*

- 1) *Please advise the estimated number of patients receiving chemotherapy and radiotherapy at your hospital(s) each year.*

*The Trusts estimated figure for solid tumour activity is 3000 treatments per year and 2000 haematology treatments per year.*

- 2) *What is the preferred 'barrier' mouthwash product prescribed to patients for oral mucositis treatment and/or prevention?*

*Gelclair*

- 3) *Which of the following 'barrier' mouthwash brands, if any, have previously been prescribed in your hospital(s):*

*-Caphoso*

*-Gelclair*

*-Mucodis*

- 4) *What is the estimated annual spend on mouthwash?*

*Trust spend on Gelclair from 09/07/16 to 09/07/17 is £3503.16*

- 5) *What is the estimated annual number of units of mouthwash prescribed annually?*

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Commercially sensitive information relating to the price paid in conjunction with the number of units supplied has not been disclosed here as we consider that Section 43 (2) 'prejudice to the commercial interests of any party' of the FOI act is engaged. Disclosure of this information could be commercially detrimental to the Trust and companies acting on our behalf and result in less competitive prices for goods. The likely consequence of this would be increased cost for service provision to the Trust. We have considered how the public interest might apply, and although recognising that there is a strong public interest in openness, there is a greater public interest in ensuring an ability to obtain best value for money.

6) *How much Saline and Difflam mouthwash are prescribed for OM?*

We cannot say as specific indication is not recorded.

7) *What are your current prescribing pathways for oral mucositis care?*

For some regimens mouthwash is prescribed at first cycle (but not all). After the first cycle of treatment and toxicity assessment mouthwash (usual preferred brand of mouthwash is Difflam) or alternative therapies such as Gelclair will be prescribed as indicated.

8) *Do you currently prescribe anything for the prevention and/or treatment of the following conditions:*

- *Vaginal mucositis (Vulvovaginitis)*
- *Rectal mucositis*
- *Radiation dermatitis*

We do not record this information

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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