

Unlicensed Aseptically Prepared Medicines

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

This is a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information you have pertaining to NHS Trust unlicensed medicine expenditure.

1. *Please provide the volume and value (by finished items) of unlicensed aseptically prepared medicines for the following full NHS financial years (Apr-Mar FY21, FY22, FY23) that you have:*

- a) *Prepared in your own NHS run units*

Answer: Please see table below.

	<i>Financial Year (April – March)</i>		
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Royal Devon's Eastern Services –</i>	14,079	13,572	8,596 (April -October)
<i>Royal Devon's Northern Services -</i>	4,970	4,957	2, 255 (April -November)

- b) *Outsourced to commercial compounders across the UK*

Answer: Please see table below.

	<i>Financial Year (April – March)</i>		
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Royal Devon's Eastern Services –</i>	8,666	8,159	4,751 (April -October)
<i>Royal Devon's Northern Services -</i>	87	278	1,796 (April -November)

- c) *Drawn up and administered at ward level
If possible, please provide the above broken down by liquid vs non liquid formulation.*

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information in an easily reportable format, under FOI regulation reporting organisations have no obligation to create information.

To provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources, systems and records. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

In addition, where it is not expected and inappropriate for the Trust to review individual patient records to obtain/produce/validate the information. In this instance the Freedom of Information question is exempt under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (patients personal data).

2. *Which commercial compounders or other NHS units have you outsourced production to and what share of total outsourcing does each contribute for each financial period?*

Answer: Bath ASU, B/Braun, Royal Free & Baxter ITH and University Trust of Bristol.