

Title

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).

Over the last 12 months, what are the volumes (by finished items) of unlicensed aseptically prepared medicines you have:

- a) prepared in your own NHS run units
- b) outsourced to commercial compounders across the UK
- c) drawn up and administered at ward level

Northern Service response:

- a) prepared in your own NHS run units – Jul 22 – Jun 23 (inc) – 4930 doses
- b) outsourced to commercial compounders across the UK - Jul 22 – Jun 23 (inc) – 757 doses
- c) drawn up and administered at ward level - Jul 22 – Jun 23 (inc) – 0

Eastern Service response:

- a) prepared in your own NHS run units – Jul 22 – Jun 23 (inc) – 13387 doses
- b) outsourced to commercial compounders across the UK - Jul 22 – Jun 23 (inc) - 8198 doses
- c) drawn up and administered at ward level - Jul 22 – Jun 23 (inc) – 87 doses

If possible, please provide this broken down by:

- product name
- and the month in which they were prepared / ordered

Section 12 (1) – Time/Cost (over 18hrs work)

The Trust has considered your request however, to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. Due to such large volumes, to obtain product name and the month in which the medicines were prepared would far exceed the appropriate cost limit as

set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

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.