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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013754 – Missing or unaccounted drugs

1/ Please state the quantity of controlled drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17? Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

Incidents of missing or unaccounted drugs are logged on the Trust incident reporting system (Datix) and all reports are investigated but instances of missing controlled drugs are also reported separately and investigated by the Trusts CD Accountable Officer. Information is available on controlled drugs from January 2016 to September 2017. Please see attached document and please note on this report for controlled drugs not all the incidents are showing location

2/ Please state the quantity of prescription drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17? Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

Incidents of missing or unaccounted drugs are logged on the Trust incident reporting system, however the database does not hold a specific heading for 'missing or unaccounted drugs' so a report solely for this information cannot be run, for example other information reported under the same category would include incidents where medication is not available or there is no supply.

3/ Please state the monetary value of the missing or unaccounted for drugs, broken down by each of the last three calendar years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

Information not held within Datix reporting system

4/ Please state the number of cases referred to police and relevant professional regulators

To date from 1/1/16 to 30/9/17 for controlled drugs there were three incidents reported. Incidents were reported to police, NHS England and the Black Country CD Local Intelligence Officer. It was not proven if the drugs were stolen.

5/ Please describe auditing procedures that take place relating to controlled and non-controlled medicines

All wards and departments that hold controlled drugs are audited every 4 months by a pharmacist using a West Midlands agreed audit template. Actions are escalated to the relevant stakeholders and closed out within the time frames agreed. Pharmacy itself is audited using the same principals.

Allwards/ departments that hold medicines in general under go:

- Announced annual audits using the West Midlands agreed audit template
- Unannounced quality and safety snapshot audits using a locally agreed audit template.

In addition

- Pharmacy medicines management teams undertake spot check ward treatment rooms and escalate issues to shift leads

A new nurse led peer assessed medicines management monthly audit will be rolled out December 2017 replacing the former medicines management nursing care indicators