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**Ref:** FOI-042023-00017

**Date:** 12/5/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000;

**Request**

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I'm requesting the following information on compassionate use medicines:

- 1) How many patients at your trust have been supplied medicines approved through the Early Access to Medicines Scheme (EAMS) each year between April 2014 and April 2023?
- 2) How many requests has your trust made to pharmaceutical companies for access to medicines offered through a company-led 'compassionate use' or 'free of charge' scheme each year between April 2014 and April 2023?
  - a. How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?
- 3) How many requests have clinicians at your trust submitted to pharmaceutical companies for access to an unlicensed medicine to treat patients each year between April 2014 and April 2023, outside of a company-led scheme?
  - a. How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

**Response**

Please see attached spreadsheet

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust;

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**

- 1) How many patients at your trust have been supplied medicines approved through the Early Access to Medicines Scheme (EAMS) each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

Year	Number of Patients Supplied with Medicines through EAMS
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	2
2019	7
2020	1
2021	2
2022	0
2023	0

- 2) How many requests has your trust made to pharmaceutical companies for access to medicines offered through a company-led 'compassionate use' or 'free of charge' scheme each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

**We only keep records of successful applications which are as follows:**

Year	Number of Patients receiving Treatment through Comp Use/FOC
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	4
2019	2
2020	1
2021	3
2022	1
2023	2

- a. How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

**None were unlicensed**

- 3) How many requests have clinicians at your trust submitted to pharmaceutical companies for access to an unlicensed medicine to treat patients each year between April 2014 and April 2023, outside of a company-led scheme?

**None - they are always within a scheme**

- a. How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

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