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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Please find below answers to the questions you have asked in relation to the treatment of fungal infections.

<b>Q1. In the last 12 months, how many patients have been treated (for any condition) with the following drugs:</b>													
Amphotericin B (Ambisome)	<i>In the 12 months Dec22-Nov23, the following number of patients have been treated (for any condition) with the listed drugs:</i> <table border="1" data-bbox="810 1280 1458 1543"> <thead> <tr> <th>Drug</th> <th>PT Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Amphotericin B (Ambisome)</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caspofungin (Cancidas)</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isavuconazole (Cresemba)</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Posaconazole (Noxafil)</td> <td>33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Voriconazole (VFEND)</td> <td>8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Drug	PT Count	Amphotericin B (Ambisome)	18	Caspofungin (Cancidas)	16	Isavuconazole (Cresemba)	0	Posaconazole (Noxafil)	33	Voriconazole (VFEND)	8
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<b>Q2a. In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Aspergillosis (ICD10 code: B44)?</b>	0												
<b>Q2b. Of the above patients diagnosed with Aspergillosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs</b>													
Amphotericin B (Ambisome)	Our laboratory database doesn't record which antimicrobials are prescribed for patients only the susceptibility patterns for pathogenic organisms reported												
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Q3a. In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Mucormycosis (ICD10 code: B46)?	0
Q3b. Of the above patients diagnosed with Mucormycosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs:	
Amphotericin B (Ambisome)	<p>We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format.</p> <p><b><i>When information is not in a reportable format</i></b></p> <p><i>The ICO guidance clearly states “FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it”.</i></p>

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

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