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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**1. Disposal of medicines**

Please provide, for each of the past 5 calendar years, any available data on the quantity of medicines disposed of across the trust, because they had passed their expiry date.

**Information below from Pharmacy areas only**

Calendar Year	Total Expired Units*
2020	53813
2021	44543
2022	86374
2023	81952
2024	51150
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>317832</b>

\*Where a "unit" can be an individual tablet, an ampoule, a pre-filled syringe, a bottle etc.

**2. Disposal of single-use medical supplies**

Please share, for each of the past 5 calendar years, the estimated quantity and cost of single-use medical supplies that were disposed of without use, including the main causes for their non-utilisation (e.g., expiry, packaging damage).

**Not known, there is no central database/system that records this information so we are unable to run a report for the information requested**

3. **Impact of overordering or over stocking on waste**

Please provide, for each of the past 5 calendar years, any internal assessments or audits regarding the impact of overordering or overstocking on waste levels across the Trust, including details of corrective actions taken to minimise waste from excess inventory.

- **Medicines inventory management is undertaken by the pharmacy dept through a routine stock check process to reduce the risk of medicines expiring before use. The medicines management system provides daily stock lists to check both inventory in place and expiry date checking. Clinical areas are provided agreed stock lists to ensure medicines are accessible and the stock is manually checked for both volume, suitability and expiry date. Medicines approaching their expiry date are moved to other high flow areas to prevent waste.**

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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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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