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**Date:** 3.3.25

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

1. Does your Trust have a formal policy on medicines waste reduction?  
a) Yes/No - No
2. Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste  
a) Yes/No - No  
b) If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.
3. Do you currently employ any staff specifically to support medicines waste?  
a) Yes/No - No  
b) If yes, how many full time equivalents do you employ?
4. How often does your organisation report on the management of waste (including cost) at Board level?  
a) Annually/Quarterly/Monthly/Never/Other (please state) - Quarterly
5. For each of the hospitals in your Trust, what is the value of medication you have had to waste in the last 2 financial years? This the value of medication that was the property of the hospital at the point it was wasted, i.e. the cost of medication that expired before it could be used.  
- 2022/23 - £145,242, 2023/24 - £152,036
6. For each hospital in your Trust, what has been your total drug spend over the past two financial years?  
- 2022/23 - £45,248,166, 2023/24 - £50,053,454
7. For the last two financial years combined what is the drug that you have wasted the most of, and what was the total cost?  
- LIOTHYRONINE 20 micrograms Injection - £18,058
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a) Yes/No - No  
b) If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.

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

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