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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014262 – Drugs dispensed

Please can you provide me information on the quantity of prescription medications, drugs and any other dispensed medical substances("Drugs") disposed of during the summer heat wave (from the start of June 2018 until the most recent possible date when the search is made.

If you have a register of Drugs being disposed of including dates of the disposal, type and name of Drug, quantities involved, and value of each batch to be disposed of, please provide me with such a register for the given period.

Otherwise, please provide information as to the overall quantity and value of Drugs to be disposed, and provide as much of a break down into the fields given previously as is possible.

Please can you tell me whether (i) all, (ii) some, or (iii) which of the hospitals or medical centres that come under the Trust, have the appropriate facilities to refrigerate Drugs

There are no recorded disposal of medicines as a result of the temperature excursion.

The pharmacy department have a mechanism to record medicines waste and there are no records of waste related to the heatwave in June and July 2018.

Trust procedures are in place to minimise temperature excursions and where these do occur in ward / department treatment rooms then our procedures would be review each drug line against medicines database and reduce overall shelf life where appropriate. This minimises the risk of medicines waste.

Medicines refrigerators are available in all areas that stock medicines that require storage between 2-8degC