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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.

Please find below answers to the questions raised in relation to NHS Trust unlicensed medicine expenditure.

1. What is the total value of *spend by your NHS organisation on liquid dosage forms of medication that are classed as "specials" or unlicensed by the MHRA* and are produced or compounded in MHRA licensed or Section 10 units? *Liquid formulations include oral drops, liquids for injection/infusion, cartridges containing liquid, nasal solutions, vials / ampoules / prefilled devices containing liquids and IV bags.* Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years if possible (*please fill in the tables below*).

Total value:

Type	Total spend / cost on liquid unlicensed products procured		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
Special Order	£166,564.79	£139,054.69	£117,528.23
Drug Tariff Special Order	£13,380.09	£18,303.47	£14,407.01
Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order	£0.00	£333.30	£1,045
Other Special	£5,421,754.55	£4,890,887.72	£5,308,910.64

Total volume: -

We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format.

When information is not in a reportable format

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”.

2. Do you outsource the production / compounding of liquid unlicensed medication?	Yes
3. If no to question 2, what proportion of the products that you prepare in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?	N/A

4. If yes to question 2, what is the total value of spend by provider? Please provide this information for the following years (please fill in the tables below).

Note: If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

Outsourcing provider <i>(fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required)</i> TOP 10 ONLY	Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
QUALASEPT LTD (BATH ASU)	£565,746.71	£462,587.33	£237,074.21
Baxter Healthcare Ltd	£518,881.14	£41,498.77	£44,514.10
ITH PHARMA LTD	£61,075.85	£75,847.70	£63,973.92
Rosemont Pharmaceuticals Ltd	£8,602.44	£13,220.46	£40,267.22
Torbay Pharmaceuticals	£12,132.66	£16,909.37	£18,738.13
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust	£0.00	£4,727.76	£13,497.33
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	£5,964.29	£2,735.92	£0.00
Quest Healthcare Ltd	£2,569.88	£1,730.17	£1,499.76

Nova Laboratories Ltd	£911.92	£1,678.38	£1,670.41
HUDDERSFIELD NHS TRUST	£900.60	£1,072.43	£672.95

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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