



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-309

Date: 28th September 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th September 2021 (received into our office 10th September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Trust spending on unlicensed medicine.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I would like to request the total spend on unlicensed medicine across your Trust for the periods:

- 2018
- 2019
- 2020.

If possible could I have the data broken down into?

- 1. Imported medicines (products approved outside the UK)**
- 2. Compounded/specials**
- 3. Drug shortages.**

A1 See below:

1. Imported medicines (products approved outside the UK)	Pharmacy Computer System EMIS does not have a filter that enables us to report expenditure on imported and unlicensed medicines as a whole for the Trust.												
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3. Drug shortages.	Drug shortage data not available.												

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

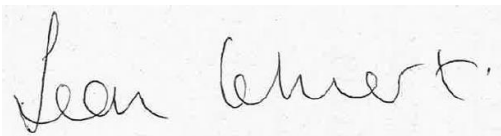
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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