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Email only

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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Unlicensed Medicines and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. What is the **total value** of spend by your NHS Trust on unlicensed medication (i.e. Special Order, Drug Tariff Special Order, Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order) that have a BNF liquid formulation (e.g. liquid, solution, suspension)? Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years (*please fill in the tables below*). **Note:** Value of spend to mean either net ingredient cost or actual cost. Please state which you have used below. Actual cost would be the total cost to NHS commissioners whereas NIC is the cost at list price excluding VAT.

**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			
Drug Tariff Special Order			
Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order			
Other Special	£3,738	£4,524	£5,388

**Total volume:**

Type	Total volume of liquid unlicensed products procured		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-20 to Mar-21
Special Order			
Drug Tariff Special Order			
Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order			
Other Special	16380mL	14450mL	16990mL

**2. Do you outsource the manufacturing of liquid unlicensed products?**

Yes

**3. If no to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), what proportion of the products that you manufacture in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?**

Not Applicable

**4. If yes to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), 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>	Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-20 to Mar-21
Huddersfield Hospital	£523	£707	£647
Rosemont	£2,153	£2,316	£308
St Mary's Hospital	£139	£216	£186
Rokshaw	£918	£1,286	£1,470

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**