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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4948

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th November 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The value of medicines wastage every year in The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust in £.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not have our own Pharmacy. We have a Service Level Agreement with Aintree University Hospital to provide Pharmacy Services; therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

2. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The number of medicines in pre-filled syringes procured for usage in the following departments within The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;
- Accident & Emergency departments;
- Operating rooms.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not have our own Pharmacy. We have a Service Level Agreement with Aintree University Hospital to provide Pharmacy Services; therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

2.b) The names of the specific medicines which are procured in pre-filled syringes for usage in the following departments within The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;
- Accident & Emergency departments;
- Operating rooms.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not have our own Pharmacy. We have a Service Level Agreement with Aintree University Hospital to provide Pharmacy Services; therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

3. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):



a) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as our incident recording system does not have a category for medication errors or similar. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

b) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a pre-filled syringe was used within The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as our incident recording system does not have a category for medication errors or similar. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4948 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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