

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 9 September 2021. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

I would like to request the total spend on unlicensed medicine across your trust for the periods 2018, 2019 and 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.

Answer: Please see table below:

	Specials/Compounded products	Imported medicines /Unlicensed*	Total
2018	£19,879.00	£125,980.81	£145,859.81
2019	£24,376.63	£90,943.68	£115,320.31
2020	£11,341.97	£127,544.14	£138,886.11

* Please note that imported medicines spend is within unlicensed medication data and is not recorded separately.

The Trust not ordered any unlicensed medication due to any medication shortages.