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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 6th December 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

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)

There has been no 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) prescribed during this time period.

2. Do you outsource the manufacturing of liquid unlicensed products?
The Trust has a procurement SLA with our local acute trust who would manufacture or source unlicensed preparations.
3. If no to question 2 (use of outsourcing providers), what proportion of the products that you manufacture in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised? **N/A**
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). **N/A**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. 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: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. 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 Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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