

FOI3327

6th October 2025

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**‘Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request an extract of the hospital medicines usage data held by Southern HSC Trust, detailing the volume of drugs dispensed by hospital pharmacies and homecare, at an individual product level.**

**Please note that this request is for aggregated medicines usage data, and explicitly does not require any patient-level or patient-identifiable data.**

**Please could you provide a report containing data against the following fields, in .csv format, for each month, covering the most recent available data month and all previous months if possible back to May 2025 to Present (The latest FULL available month) (in line with the data published by NHS BSA on behalf of NHS England).**

**Please include records for all dispensed products. England reports products at SNOMED VPID level, however a lower level of drug code is preferred if available in the following order of preference: APPID, APID, VPPID, VPID.**

**Fields requested:**

**Dispensing Date (YearMonth)**

**HSC Trust identifier**

**Hospital site identifier (if avail)**

**Drug code**

**Drug name**

**Volume dispensed**

**Volume Unit of measurement**

**Indicative cost (if available)’**

**Response:**

It is not possible to extract the information within the appropriate time limit. As such we cannot provide this information as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

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