

FOI – 2044

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

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### **1. Within your Health and Social Care Trust**

**a) Where are you using multi medicine pill pouches? E.g., acute hospitals, mental health hospitals, nursing homes, residential care homes, patient's homes.**

**Response:**

Within SHSCT we do not use these devices in our Trust owned Care Homes and SHSCT do not require or encourage Private Care Homes to use these.

**b) Which type of organization is requesting them? E.g., Hospitals, nursing homes, community care providers.**

**Response:**

Not applicable.

**c) Who provides these pouches? E.g., Hospitals, community pharmacies (Please state name & address).**

**Response:**

Not applicable.

**2. Does your Health and Social Care Trust conduct continued care at home visits solely for the purpose of conducting medication adherence prompts?**

**If so,**

- a) What type of patient are you providing this service for? E.g., Fragility, mental health, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy.**
- b) How many patients require these medication prompt visits per month?**
- c) How long does it take for the staff member/ carer to conduct a patient medication prompt visit?**

**Response:**

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust does not commission indirect visits through Independent Sector Domiciliary Care agencies or conduct visits through our own directly employed Domiciliary Care staff solely for the purpose of medication adherence prompts. However, we do commission and carry-out visits where staff are involved in actual administration to service users, as well with specific individuals being supported with Domiciliary Care staff assisting with opening medication bottle, where the individual has been assessed as requiring such support and the service user knows and directs the Domiciliary Care staff member what meds they need to take.

**3. In your Health and Social Care Trust, are you using medical devices or technology to improve medication adherence at home?**

**If so,**

**a) What type of device/ technology are you using?**

**b) Is this device/ technology used in conjunction with patient medication prompt visits? Or has this reduced the number of medication prompt visits required?**

**c) Are you planning on increasing investment or the number medication adherence solutions available to your local population to improve medicines adherence at home? (Especially for the most vulnerable patients.) If so, how?**

**Response:**

The Trust is not using or recommending any type of technology for use at this time.

*Please note: This response has been completed on the basis that the multi-medicine pill pouch you are enquiring about is some form of an electronic dispensing device.*

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