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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 204

Dear xxxxxx

**Freedom of Information request: Unlicensed Medication (CORP 2023 – 204)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Your Request:

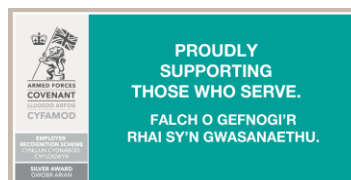
1. What is the total value of spend by your NHS Trust on unlicensed medication (i.e. Special Order, Drug Tariff Special Order, Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order) that have a BNF liquid formulation (e.g. liquid, solution, suspension)? Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years (please fill in the tables below).

*Note: Value of spend to mean either net ingredient cost or actual cost. Please state which you have used below. Actual cost would be the total cost to NHS commissioners whereas NIC is the cost at list price excluding VAT.*

**Total value:**

Type	Total spend / cost on liquid unlicensed products procured		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
Special Order			
Drug Tariff Special Order			
Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order			
Other Special			

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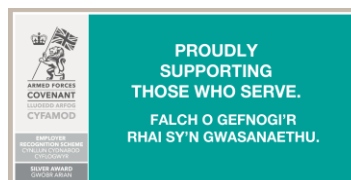
**Total volume:**

Type	Total volume of liquid unlicensed products procured		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-20 to Mar-21
Special Order			
Drug Tariff Special Order			
Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order			
Other Special			

- Do you outsource the manufacturing of liquid unlicensed products?
- If no to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), what proportion of the products that you manufacture in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?
- 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).  
 Note: If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

Outsourcing provider (fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required)	Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-20 to Mar-21

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Please find the Trust's response below:

The Trust does not record the data requested in a format that enables the information to be easily retrieved to the level of detail required to specifically answer your request.

In reaching this decision we estimate that it would take a minimum of 23 hours or £575 an amount of £125 over the core amount of £450 extra to obtain the data. The amount would require payment in full prior to the Trust undertaking the work.

As result, the Trust is applying a Qualified Exemption under Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit), the legislation in this instance states:

**12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.**

*(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*

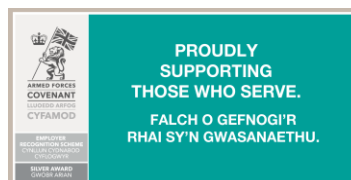
The Trust has a duty to advise and assist you under Section 16 of the Act and therefore may I suggest that you consider the option to revise your request so that it falls below the prescribed appropriate limit.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:-

Mr Ian Bevan via [FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk)  
Head of Information Governance  
Velindre University NHS Trust  
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:-

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales

2nd Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 2HH  
Telephone: 0330 414 6421  
email: [wales@ico.org.uk](mailto:wales@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Lauren Fear**

**Director of Corporate Governance and Chief of Staff**

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