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Date: 27th November 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 170

Dear *****

Freedom of Information request: Hospital medicines usage data – volume dispensed month from January 2021 (CORP 2023 – 170)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 19th October 2023.

We apologise for the delay in response.

Your Request:

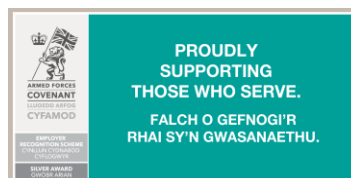
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request an extract of the hospital medicines usage data held by Velindre University NHS Trust, detailing the volume of drugs dispensed by hospital pharmacies and homecare, at an individual product level. Please note that this request is for aggregated 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 January 2021.

The fields required would be the following:

*HB,
issue_date,
location,
lnkdid,
drugfull,
drug_packsize,
quantity_container,
quantity_doseunits,
container_returns,
doseunits_returns*

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Please find the Trust's response below:

The Trust has reviewed your request which is correctly formatted and complies with Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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 35 hours or £875 an amount of £425 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.

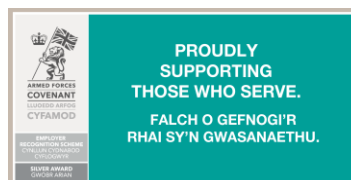
The Trust has a duty to advise and assist you under Section 16 of the Act and therefore may I suggest that you consider the option to revise your request so that it falls below the prescribed appropriate limit.

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
Head of Information Governance
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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

Yours sincerely,

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