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Date: 8th May 2025
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 016

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Paracetamol and Ibuprofen (CORP 25/26 – 016)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 17th April 2025.

Your Request:

Please include the following information for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25:

- 1. The total number of individual patients to whom paracetamol and ibuprofen were prescribed by your Trust annually.*
- 2. The total amount spent by your Trust on supplying prescribed paracetamol and ibuprofen in each of those financial years.*
- 3. If available, a breakdown of the form in which paracetamol was prescribed (e.g., tablets, capsules, liquid suspension, etc.) and associated costs for each form.*
- 4. What are the specific conditions which qualify a patient to be prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen? Or what is your general policy for qualifying a prescription for paracetamol or ibuprofen?*

Please see the Trust's response in Appendix 1.

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
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Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX 1

PARACETAMOL

- 1. The total number of individual patients to whom paracetamol and ibuprofen were prescribed by your Trust annually.**

The Trust is only able to extract patient dispensing data for this request. Data from Bulk issuing to wards has been excluded.

- 2. The total amount spent by your Trust on supplying prescribed paracetamol and Ibuprofen in each of those financial years.**

The Trust is only able to provide the data for a calendar year.

- 3. If available, a breakdown of the form in which paracetamol was prescribed (e.g., tablets, capsules, liquid suspension, etc.) and associated costs for each form.**

The Trust has provided the data is split by spend by year

- 4. What are the specific conditions which qualify a patient to be prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen? Or what is your general policy for qualifying a prescription for paracetamol or ibuprofen?**

The data is provided as analgesia, first line

By Year	Sum of issue_value
PARACETAMOL 1 g in 100mL Intravenous Infusion	£3,428.38
2022	£560.38
2023	£811.54
2024	£1,557.26
2025	£499.20
PARACETAMOL 250 mg in 5mL Oral Liquid	£2,897.84
2022	£400.44
2023	£853.98
2024	£1,253.07
2025	£390.35
PARACETAMOL 250 mg Suppositories	£2.69
2023	£0.00
2024	£2.69
PARACETAMOL 500 mg Effervescent Tablets	£1,980.52
2022	£242.72
2023	£503.14
2024	£893.86
2025	£340.80

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By Year	Sum of issue_value
PARACETAMOL 500 mg in 50mL Intravenous Infusion	£72.36
2023	£40.20
2024	£24.12
2025	£8.04
PARACETAMOL 500 mg Suppositories	£294.83
2022	£105.41
2023	£15.90
2024	£42.12
2025	£131.40
PARACETAMOL 500 mg Tablets	£2,239.36
2022	£309.96
2023	£1,231.25
2024	£545.18
2025	£152.97
Grand Total	£10,915.98

Count of patient_natno	Column Labels							
By Year	PARACETA MOL 1 g in 100mL Intravenous Infusion	PARACETA MOL 250 mg in 5mL Oral Liquid	PARACETA MOL 250 mg Suppositories	PARACETA MOL 500 mg Effervescent Tablets	PARACETA MOL 500 mg in 50mL Intravenous Infusion	PARACETA MOL 500 mg Suppositories	PARACETA MOL 500 mg Tablets	Grand Total
2022	2	34		49		1	257	343
2023		71	1	106			422	600
2024	6	58		116			373	553
2025	11	14		39			126	190
Grand Total	19	177	1	310		1	1178	1686

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IBUPROFEN

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The Trust is only able to provide the data for a calendar year.
- 3. If available, a breakdown of the form in which paracetamol was prescribed (e.g., tablets, capsules, liquid suspension, etc.) and associated costs for each form.**
The Trust has provided the data is split by spend by year
- 4. What are the specific conditions which qualify a patient to be prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen? Or what is your general policy for qualifying a prescription for paracetamol or ibuprofen?**
The data is provided as analgesia, first line

By Year	Sum of issue_value
IBUPROFEN 10 % Gel	£69.13
2022	£3.23
2023	£16.14
2024	£46.41
2025	£3.35
IBUPROFEN 100 mg in 5mL Oral Liquid	£895.28
2022	£181.68
2023	£211.82
2024	£295.20
2025	£206.58
IBUPROFEN 200 mg Tablets	£42.45
2022	£6.37
2023	£23.65
2024	£7.79
2025	£4.65

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By Year	Sum of issue_value
IBUPROFEN 400 mg Tablets	£425.84
2022	£156.58
2023	£137.70
2024	£101.52
2025	£30.04
IBUPROFEN 5 % Gel	£51.96
2022	£12.96
2023	£18.90
2024	£16.90
2025	£3.21
Grand Total	£1,484.66

Count of patient_name	Column Labels					
By Year	IBUPROFEN 10 % Gel	IBUPROFEN 100 mg in 5mL Oral Liquid	IBUPROFEN 200 mg Tablets	IBUPROFEN 400 mg Tablets	IBUPROFEN 5 % Gel	Grand Total
2022	3	27	2	66	28	126
2023	7	21	13	56	37	134
2024	16	19	10	61	28	134
2025	1	20	8	32	4	65
Grand Total	27	87	33	215	97	459