

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-666**

Date 19 January 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- Please state the quantity of controlled drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17? Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing.**

Please see table below. We are unable to provide the locations from which they have gone missing as we would need to state this information for each case which we have considered poses the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

Please note we are unable to provide the quantities of the drugs because the data we have recorded is varied and therefore not easily quantifiable i.e. 'caps, MGs, MLs, amp, dose, injection, TPN bag etc.

Controlled Drugs Unaccounted For:			
Year	Number of Incidents	Drugs	Total Cost
2014	15	Diazepam, Co-amoxiclav, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Pregablin, Morphine Sulphate, Tramadol Hydrochloride, Oxynorm, Fentanyl and Oxycontin	£4.35
2015	17	Controlled drug liquid, Tramadol Hydrochloride, Oxycodone Hydrochloride, Buprenorphine, Morphine Sulphate, Oxynorm Liquid, Buprenorphine Temgesic Sublingal, Temgesic, Midazolam and Oxycodone Liquid	£1.27
2016	29	Oxycodone Hydrochloride, Morphine Sulphate, Buprenorphine, Tramadol Hydrochloride, Oxynorm, Midazolam, Fentanyl and Diazepam	£20.59
2017	7	Oxycodone Hydrochloride, Morphine Sulphate, Phenobarbital	£4.38

2. Please state the quantity of prescription drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17? Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

Non-Controlled Drugs Unaccounted For:			
Year	Number of Incidents	Drugs	Total Cost
2014	8	Hyaluronidase, Fondaparinux Sodium, Pentamidine, Potassium Chloride, Ifosfamide, Mesna, Zopiclone	140.79
2015	12	Zopiclone, Potassium Chloride, Bupivacaine, Adrenaline, Paracetamol, Tramadol, Amoxiclavm Nystatin, Rituximab, Vinorelbine, Goserelin, Cytarabine	77.98
2016	19	Clobazam, Zoledronic Acid, Zopiclone, Flucloxacillin, Chlordiazepoxide Hydrochloride, Adrenaline, Pegfilgrastim, Clobazam, Pyrazinamide, Vinorelbine, Umeclidniu,, Flucticasone with Vilanterol, Clonazepam, Nitrazepam, Idarubicin, Rifater, Enoxpain, Parenteral Nutrition, Trastuzumab amd Filgrastim	£1359.58
2017	**	**	**

Where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by **.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. Therefore under **Section 40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

Please note we are unable to provide the quantities of the drugs because the data we have recorded is varied and therefore not easily quantifiable i.e. 'caps, MGs, MLs, amp, dose, injection, TPN bag etc.

3. Please state the monetary value of the missing or unaccounted for drugs, broken down by each of the last three calendar years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

Please see tables in question one and two.

4. Please state the number of cases referred to police and relevant professional regulators

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the

Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. Therefore under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

5. Please describe auditing procedures that take place relating to controlled and non-controlled medicines

Please find attached the Trust's process for performing pharmacy stock checks.

The following also happens for controlled drugs:

- Every time there is an issue a check is carried out between physical stock, the CD register and the stock balance as on JAC.
- We also have an in house developed MS Access database where a stock check report is generated every 3 months to check all Controlled Drugs against.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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