

Our Ref: 312/2022

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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please can I request (under the FOIA 2000):

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ascertain how your Trust acquires and distributes human milk products (also known as “breast milk” or “chest milk” based products, depending on Trust policy). I would like to know:

1. Does your Trust acquire human milk or human milk-based products for infant or paediatric feeding? If so, how?

We provide human breast milk for neonates. This is procured from the Countess of Chester hospital Milk Bank

2. Does your Trust have policy on providing human milk to adult patients for their consumption? If so, please can you attach it.

For clarification, we are asking about those adults wishing to have human milk for personal use rather than an adult asking for infant or paediatric feeding. These patients may be seen in departments such as clinical immunology, oncology, or other such departments, not just in nutrition services.

We have no information on adult patients

3. a. If your Trust acquires human milk-based products from private suppliers (e.g., companies), can you provide the annual amount spent on these products by your Trust for the past 5 years, if available?

£7,355 for human milk from Countess of Chester hospital milk bank

3. b. If your Trust does not currently use private suppliers, please can you detail if your trust has been approached by any companies to purchase such products for infant, paediatric or adult consumption?

For example, these companies may include NeoKare, NeoLacta, or Prolacta or like that provide human milk-based products. Some of the products they provide to help you include Humavant, PHBM, MMF or the like.

No