

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

I am conducting analysis on the usage of medicines in secondary care and kindly request your help.

I would be grateful if you could send me one dataset from your Trust, to inform this analysis:

**(1) Drug Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report**

Data fields from the DrPLCM report, as specified in table 1 (below). Please do not send patient IDs or cost data, as I appreciate this would compromise data privacy and commercial sensitivity.

Please see spreadsheet attached which is an extract from our DrPLCM files both for NHSE and local commissioners. In the response to the requestor please advise that we do not complete one of the fields they asked for (DRUG\_NAME\_(HIGH\_COST\_TARIFF\_EXCLUDED\_DRUG)) as we use SNOMED codes in our submission so this is not required. I have therefore used the full drug name field I have access to in order to provide a count of the same drug however, as the same drug could have several different unique combinations in this field where there are different strength/quantity of dosages the count column will not give them the exact output they were wanting. On the second tab is a list of the drugs that were suppressed from the count due to there being 5 or fewer rows in the data, again as I have had to use the full drug details rather than just the name I may have suppressed rows from the first tab where in fact the same drug may have been administered more than 5 times but because the strength/quantity is different they showed as separate counts in the data.

**Appendices** – specification

Please include the data fields specified within table 1:

**1. Drug Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report**

An extract of records from this report for all hospitals in the Trust for the period between **Apr 2023 and Dec 2023**

Sourced from NHS Digital, DrPLCM Technical Specification V2.6 document <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/information-standards-and-data-collections-including-extractions/publications-and-notifications/standards-and-collections/contract-monitoring">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/information-standards-and-data-collections-including-extractions/publications-and-notifications/standards-and-collections/contract-monitoring</a>	
Name of "Data Element" from NHS Data Model and Dictionary for DrPLCM	Please include
FINANCIAL MONTH	Yes
FINANCIAL YEAR	Yes
ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)	Yes
ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)	Yes
ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE	Yes
THERAPEUTIC INDICATION CODE (SNOMED CT, OR ICD-10, OR TEXT DESCRIPTION)	Yes
DRUG NAME (HIGH-COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	Yes
DISPENSING ROUTE (HIGH-COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	Yes
NATIONAL CANCER DRUGS FORM CODE	Yes
<i>Count of rows</i>	<i>Yes, added, please suppress rows where</i>

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<i>count</i> $\leq 5$ and indicate in the output
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