



**The Clatterbridge
Cancer Centre**
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Re: Freedom of Information Request 332-2021

Thank you for your email dated the 9th November 2021, requesting information in relation to medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

- a) **The value of medicines wastage every year in The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust in £.**

The Trust does not hold this information centrally. Our Trust does not report on this information separately and there is no single report which produces this information. To obtain this information would require a member of staff to gather large amounts of information from a number of sources from both our pharmacy company and Trust. Each source of information would then have to be manually reviewed in order to extract the information requested. It is estimated that this would exceed the 18 hours cost limit stipulated for processing information under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. The 'appropriate limit' for the purposes of Section 12 is defined within The Freedom of information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 which for local authorities is £450, or 18 hours (at £25 per hour). As stated above, the estimated time in order to comply with your request has been calculated to exceed the costs limit and is therefore exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act

2. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) **The number of medicines in prefilled syringes procured for usage in the following departments within The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust:**

- **Intensive Care Units = N/A – As a tertiary specialist cancer treatment centre, we do not have an intensive care unit.**
- **Accident & Emergency departments = N/A - As a tertiary specialist cancer treatment centre, we do not have an A&E Department.**
- **Operating rooms =**

Individual pre-filled syringes:

- **2018 – 9**
- **2019 – 0**
- **2020 – 22**
- **2021 – 13**

b) **The names of the specific medicines which are procured in prefilled syringes for usage in the following departments within The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust:**

- **Intensive Care Units – As above**
- **Accident & Emergency departments – As above**
- **Operating rooms =**

- **Adrenaline 1mg/1ml**
- **Amiodarone 30mg/1ml**
- **Calcium Chloride 10%**
- **Optiray 300**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

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

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>

Kind regards

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