

## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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### You asked

I would like to obtain specific information regarding medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events within University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. I would also like to obtain information on the uptake of prefilled syringes within an Intensive Care Unit setting, including the specific medicines used in prefilled syringes.

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 University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust in £.

The Trust does not hold the information.

Medicines waste is not recorded in clinical locations within the Trust, so we are unable to answer your question.

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 University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;
- Accident & Emergency departments;
- Operating rooms.

The Trust does not hold the information.

We can identify the number of PFS used but not specific to the departments.

- b) **The names of the specific medicines which are procured in prefilled syringes for usage in the following departments within University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust:**
- **Intensive Care Units;**
  - **Accident & Emergency departments;**
  - **Operating rooms.**

As above

3. **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 recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.**

The Trust can report how many medication errors and adverse drugs events we have had in the years 2018 – 2021. It does hold the level of detail requested as a record. To do so would require us to create the information and that falls outside the scope of the Act.

- b) **The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a prefilled syringe was used within University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.**

As 3a.

**Attachments included:** No