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## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

You asked

**1. Please advise the estimated number of beds at your hospital(s)**

As at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHNT) had 950 beds (940 were for general NHS use and 10 were allocated for private patient use if necessary).

**2. Please advise the estimated number of patients treated annually at your hospital(s) following clarification the question was revised to state  
Is it possible to supply the number of in and out patient appointments in the year January to December 2016? I am interested in the number of patients seen.**

Year	Derriford Hospital Admissions	Derriford Hospital Outpatient Attendances	Total
2016	118,754	444,935	555,062

**3. Please advise the estimated number of patients receiving chemotherapy at your hospital(s) each year**

Number of patients receiving Chemotherapy at PHNT for the last financial year available (2015/2016) = 1,352 patients accounting for 8,298 admissions.

**4. What is the preferred mouthwash product prescribed to patients for oral mucositis treatment or prevention?**

We do not have a preferred mouthwash for treatment or prevention of oral mucositis. A number of agents are used depending on patient and prescriber preference. Common ones used are:

- Benzydarnine mouthwash
- Benzydarnine spray
- Codeine + Benzocaine mouthwash
- Oxatacaine + Antacid mouthwash
- Sucralfate suspension
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**5. What is the estimated annual spend on mouthwash?**

The Trust considers medicine spend information commercially sensitive. The Trust has carried out a Public Interest Test and on balance considers that it is not appropriate to release the information requested for the reasons specified in the attached rationale. The Trust considers the information exempt from supply in accordance with section 43.-(2)

**6. What is the estimated annual number units of mouthwash prescribed?**

<b>Name of product</b>	<b>Units prescribed</b>
Oxetacaine + Antacid mouthwash	16050 ml
Codeine + Benzocaine mouthwash	65 btl
Sucralfate suspension	11 btl
Benzydamine mouthwash	1475 btl
Benzydamine spray.	8784 spray