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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 09/09/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

The total spend on unlicensed medicine across your trust for the periods 2018,2019 and 2020.

| | Issue Value |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Jan 2018- Dec 2018 | £363,224.04 |
| Jan 2019- Dec 2019 | £433,617.80 |
| Jan 2020- Dec 2020 | £447,169.96 |

If possible could I have the data broken down into:

- 1. imported medicines (products approved outside the uk)**
- 2. compounded/specials**
- 3. drug shortages.**

The Trust is not able to readily retrieve the information for questions 1, 2 and 3 as our pharmacy stock management system does not hold this level of detail. To undertake this would require a manual search process which would exceed 18 hours. Therefore, this would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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