

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 642

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 22/02/2019.

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- 1) *The total number of medicines that your trust considered to be facing a shortage throughout:*
 - a. 2016/17
 - b. 2017/18
 - c. 2018/19 to date
- 2) *A list of the medicines your trust considered to be in short supply for each year:*
 - a. 2016/17
 - b. 2017/18
 - c. 2018/19 to date
- 3) *The total amount of money your trust spent in response to these medicines shortages to find and procure alternative medicines – including the cost of "off-contract claims" from suppliers against NHS England/CMU contracts – in:*
 - a. 2016/17
 - b. 2017/18
 - c. 2018/19 to date
- 4) *A breakdown of what this cost includes, if it includes costs other than that of finding and procuring alternative medicines, for each year listed above.*

Unfortunately we are unable to provide you with the information requested as:

Section 12(1) of the FOIA is a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit.

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate the information you have requested in a centralised system and we estimate that the amount of time required to extract and provide the information as requested would exceed the 18 hours permitted for an individual FOI request.