

Information Governance

19 April 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19975

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Viscosupplementation Injections**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 20 March 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Woman & Acute Child Health Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix A

1. *Does your organisation use/perform Viscosupplementation injections?*

A1. Yes.

2. *If so, how much did your organisation spend on Viscosupplementation between the period of 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016?*

A2. Total cost £185.

3. *If your organisation used Viscosupplementation between the period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016, which brand(s) Viscosupplement did you use?*

To make your research easier, I have listed all commonly used Viscosupplements that you can cross reference:

- *Arthrum H*
- *Orthovisc*
- *Crespine Gel*
- *Durolane*
- *Euflexxa*
- *Fermathron*
- *Ostenil*
- *Ostenil Plus*
- *RenahaVis*
- *Suplasyn*
- *Synocrom*
- *Synocrom Mini*
- *Synolis*
- *Monovisc*
- *Synopsis*
- *Synvisc (Hylan GF-20)*
- *Synvisc One (Hylan GF-20)*

A3. For the timeframe 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2016 only one was issued via the pharmacy department.

4. *How many units of each brand of Viscosupplement did you use?*

A4. 1 prefilled syringe.