

26 February 2018

Our Ref: RFI 22562

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Usage of Specific Medication**

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 29 January 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services 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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This is a Freedom of Information request regarding usage of certain products in all NHS Trusts, these products are:

- ***Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules***
- ***Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution,***
- ***Melatonin 2mg Capsules,***
- ***Melatonin 3mg Capsules,***
- ***Melatonin 5mg Capsules,***
- ***Melatonin 3mg Tablets***
- ***Mexiletine 200mg capsules***
- ***Diazoxide 50mg/ml oral suspension***

Q1. How many packs of these products were dispensed quarterly in 2015?

A1. Please see response provided in Table 1 below:-

Table 1

	Quarter 1 Jan-Mar 2015	Quarter 2 Apr-Jun 2015	Quarter 3 Jul-Sept 2015	Quarter 4 Oct-Dec 2015
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Single pack	39	25	15	63
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Pack of 5	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 1mg/ml Oral Solution	19 x 200ml	32.5 x 200ml	18 x 200ml	25 x 200ml
Melatonin 2mg Capsules	8.5 x 60 caps	5.2 x 60 caps	6.6 x 60 caps	4.5 x 60 caps
Melatonin 3mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 5mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 3mg Tablets	0	0	0	0
Mexiletine 200mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Diazoxide 50mg/ml Oral Suspension	0	0	0	1x 50ml

Q2. How many packs of these products were dispensed quarterly in 2016?

A2. Please see response provided in Table 2 below:-

Table 2

	Quarter 1 Jan-Mar 2016	Quarter 2 Apr-Jun 2016	Quarter 3 Jul-Sept 2016	Quarter 4 Oct-Dec 2016
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Single pack	20	25	29	45
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Pack of 5	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 1mg/ml Oral Solution	14 x 200ml	27 x 200ml	28 x 200ml	31 x 200ml
Melatonin 2mg Capsules	3.5 x 60 caps	7.4 x 60 caps	7.6 x 60 caps	13.8 x 60 caps
Melatonin 3mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 5mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 3mg Tablets	0	0	0	0
Mexiletine 200mg Capsules	0	0	0	1 x 30 caps
Diazoxide 50mg/ml Oral Suspension	1 x 50ml	0	2 x 50ml	

Q3. How many packs of these products were dispensed quarterly in 2017?

A3. Please see response provided in Table 3 below:-

Table 3

	Quarter 1 Jan-Mar 2017	Quarter 2 Apr-Jun 2017	Quarter 3 Jul-Sept 2017	Quarter 4 Oct-Dec 2017
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Single pack	32	20	10	40
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Pack of 5	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 1mg/ml Oral Solution	26 x 200ml	21 x 200ml	37 x 200ml	35 x 200ml
Melatonin 2mg Capsules	6.2 x 60 caps	2.1 x 60 caps	0	0
Melatonin 3mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 5mg Capsules	0	0	0	0
Melatonin 3mg Tablets	0	0	0	0
Mexiletine 200mg Capsules	0	5 x 30 caps	1.84 x 100 caps 2 x 30 caps	4.4 x 100caps
Diazoxide 50mg/ml Oral Suspension	0	0	0	0

Q4. What was the annual spend for each product between 2015 and 2017?

A4. Please see response provided in Table 4 below:-

Table 4

	2015	2016	2017
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Single pack	£8,330.00	£7,665.00	£6,755.00
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Pack of 5	£0	£0	£0
Melatonin 1mg/ml Oral Solution- Single pack	£1,385.31	£1,440.85	£1,826.84
Melatonin 2mg Capsules- Single pack	£199.32	£265.03	£42.37
Melatonin 3mg Capsules- Single pack	£0	£0	£0
Melatonin 5mg Capsules- Single pack	£0	£0	£0
Melatonin 3mg Tablets – Single pack	£0	£0	£0
Mexiletine 200mg Capsules- Single pack	£0	£25.74	£741.13
Diazoxide 50mg/ml Oral Suspension- Single pack	£81.75	£194.53	£0

Q5. What was the cost per unit of each product between 2015 and 2017 to your organisation?

A5. Please see response provided in Table 5 below:-

Table 5

	2015	2016	2017
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Single pack	£58.66 per ampoule	£64.41 per ampoule	£66.23 per ampoule
Iloprost 0.5mg/0.5ml Ampoules – Pack of 5	£0	£0	£0
Melatonin 1mg/ml Oral Solution	£14.66 per 200ml pack	£14.41 per 200ml pack	£15.35 per 200ml pack
Melatonin 2mg Capsules- Single pack	£0.13 per capsule	£0.14 per capsule	£0.08 per capsule
Melatonin 3mg Capsules- Single pack	n/a	£0	£0
Melatonin 5mg Capsules- Single pack	n/a	£0	£0
Melatonin 3mg Tablets – Single pack	n/a	£0	£0
Mexiletine 200mg Capsules- Single pack	n/a	£0.86 per capsule	£0.89 per capsule
Diazoxide 50mg/ml Oral Suspension- Single pack	£81.75 per 50ml pack	£64.84 per 50ml pack	£0