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**REQUEST & OUR RESPONSE:**

**REQUEST:** This is a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information you have pertaining to NHS Trust unlicensed medicine expenditure.

1. What is the total value of spend by your NHS Trust on unlicensed medication (i.e. Special Order, Drug Tariff Special Order, Part VIIID Drug Tariff Special Order) that have a BNF liquid formulation (e.g. liquid, solution, suspension)? Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years *(please fill in the tables below).  
   Note:* Value of spend to mean either net ingredient cost or actual cost. Please state which you have used below. Actual cost would be the total cost to NHS commissioners whereas NIC is the cost at list price excluding VAT.

2. Do you outsource the production / compounding of liquid unlicensed medication?

3. If no to question 2, what proportion of the products that you prepare in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?

4. If yes to question 2, what is the total value of spend by provider? Please provide this information for the following years *(please fill in the tables below).*

*Note:* If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

**OUR RESPONSE:**

A proportion of the data is held by NHSBSA (ePACT). Contact details about how to make an FOI request to them can be found at: [nhsbsa.foirequests@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.foirequests@nhs.net).

1. **Total value:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type** | **Total spend / cost on liquid unlicensed products procured** | | |
| **Apr-20 to**  **Mar-21** | **Apr-21 to**  **Mar-22** | **Apr-22 to Mar-23** |
| Special Order | **£4.5k** | **£9.6k** | **£10k** |
| Drug Tariff Special Order | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** |
| Part VIIID Drug Tariff Special Order | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** |
| Other Special | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** |

**Total volume:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type** | **Total volume of liquid unlicensed products procured** | | |
| **Apr-20 to**  **Mar-21** | **Apr-21 to**  **Mar-22** | **Apr-20 to**  **Mar-21** |
| Special Order | **9,398mls** | **14,162mls** | **24,960mls** |
| Drug Tariff Special Order | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** |
| Part VIIID Drug Tariff Special Order | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** |
| Other Special | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** | **ePact Data** |

**2. Yes**

**3. Not Applicable**

**4.**

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| **Outsourcing provider** *(fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required)* | **Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider** | | |
| **Apr-20 to**  **Mar-21** | **Apr-21 to**  **Mar-22** | **Apr-20 to**  **Mar-21** |
| **Alium** | **£51** | **-** | **-** |
| **Alliance Healthcare** | **£1,234** | **£4,813** | **£2,410** |
| **Oxford Healthcare** | **£190** | **£87** | **-** |
| **Rosemont** | **£2,960** | **£4,341** | **£6,819** |
| **Veriton** | **£111** | **£327** | **-** |
| **Rockshaw** | **-** | **£50** | **£946** |

**Attachments:** N/A