

# Request title:

## Medicine & Equipment discarded (out of date)

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Date of Response: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

### Request

I write to make the following request for information under Freedom of Information laws. It concerns out of date medicine and equipment discarded by NHS hospitals.

Please detail the following for each of the hospitals in your trust, stating which hospital the details relate to:

1) In the calendar year 2015,

- a. please state how much medicine was discarded by the hospital due to being passed its expiry date? (please say what the medicine was and how much was thrown away (defined by weight))
- b. Please state the cost of this discarded medicine.
- c. Please state how much equipment was discarded by the hospital due to being passed its expiry date (please say what the equipment was, including but not limited to items such as bandages or needles, and how many of each item were thrown away)
- d. Please state the cost of this discarded equipment.

2.

a - d) Same for 2014.

3.

a - d) Same for 2013

### Reply

The Trust has provided you with the spreadsheet attached which provides the information on medicinal waste from the Pharmacy department only. However, expired items may have been destroyed at ward level, which is something that is not recorded centrally and the Pharmacy department are not made aware of this.

Expired medicinal waste is not segregated from any other medicinal waste, therefore it is not possible to provide the weight of expired medicinal waste only.

The Trust is unable to provide the detail for out of date consumables discarded, as it does not have any accounting system for items such as bandages and needles.