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From: Commercial
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Subject: Medicines shortage cost

REQUEST

- 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.

Please provide the information by email in the form of either a Word document or Excel spreadsheet.

RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.