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Subject: Missing or unaccounted for hospital drugs.

REQUEST

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to missing or unaccounted for hospital drugs.

I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1/ Please state the quantity of controlled drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

- Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

2/ Please state the quantity of prescription drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

- Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

3/ Please state the monetary value of the missing or unaccounted for drugs, broken down by each of the last three calendar years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

4/ Please state the number of cases referred to police and relevant professional regulators

5/ Please describe auditing procedures that take place relating to controlled and non-controlled medicines

RESPONSE

As the requirements for the amount of detail the Trust has to report has changed multiple times during the last 4 years a manual check of each quarter's data would be required to be checked for any unaccounted losses.

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.