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Thank you for your request concerning the treatment of schizophrenia by long acting depot injections/treatments.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

**1. Within your organisation how many patients are currently [within the past 6 months] being treated for Schizophrenia (ICD code: F20)?**

We have treated 176 service users with schizophrenia (ICD Code F20.0, F20.1, F20.2, F20.3, F20.4, F20.5, F20.6, F20.8 (there isn't a F20.7) and F20.9)) in in the last 6 months i.e. from 26-Dec-2016 to 26-Jun-2017.

**2. Of these patients, how many are currently [within the past 6 months] being treated with the following long acting depot therapies for Schizophrenia (ICD code: F20):**

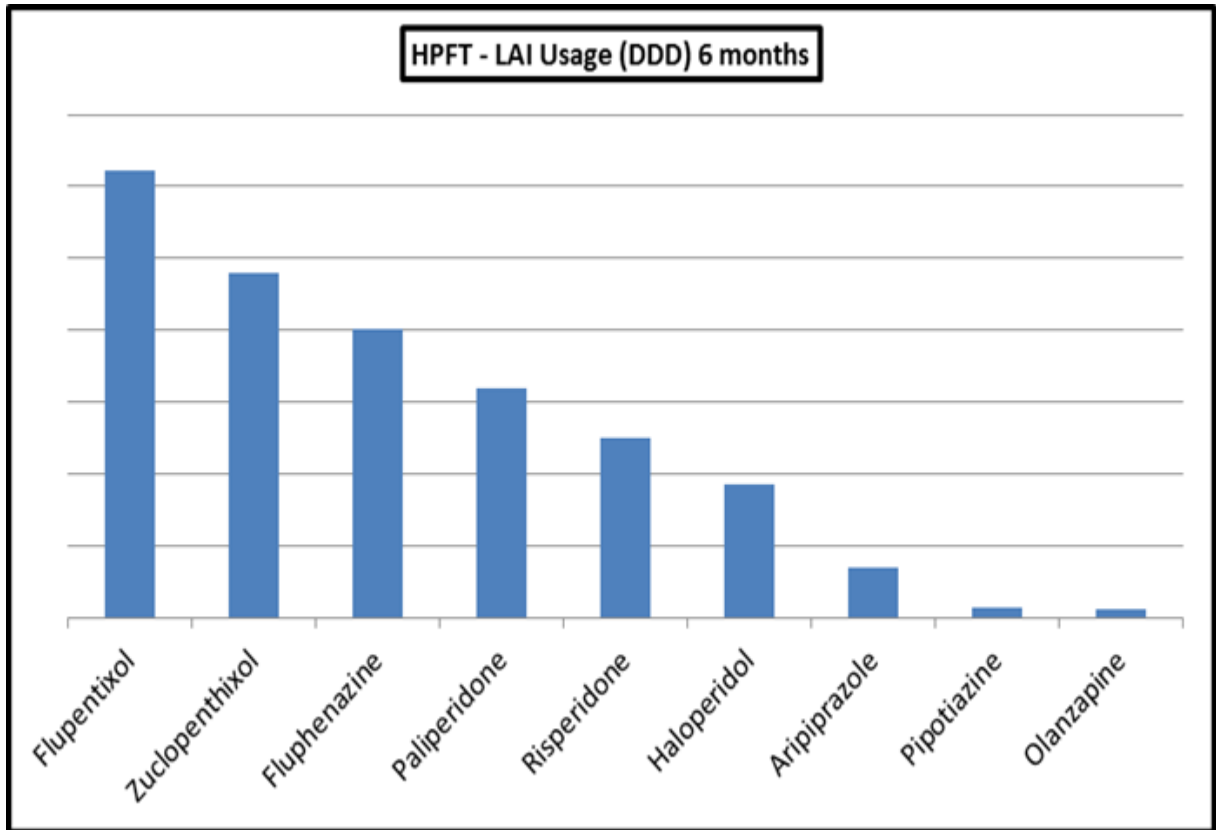
**Name of Long Acting Injection Depot Drug Number of Patients treated in last six months**

**Olanzapine pamoate (Zypadhera)  
Risperidone LAI (Risperdal Consta)  
Aripiprazole LAI (Abilify Maintena)  
Paliperidone palmitate, once monthly (Xeplion)  
Paliperidone palmitate, three monthly (Trevicta)  
Zuclopenthixol decanoate (Clopixol)  
Pipothiazine palmitate (Piportil)  
Fluphenazine decanoate (Modecate)  
Haloperidol decanoate (Haldol Decanoate)  
Flupentixol decanoate (Depixol)**

We are unable to provide you with the breakdown of patient numbers against the drugs because the drugs are procured across several different suppliers and this would involve a manual search of every record. To carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. For example this would mean looking at each of the 176 patient's records to review their medication charts. It is estimated that it would take approximately 30 minutes per record to extract this information, i.e. 88 hours @ £25ph = £2,200.

However, we are able to provide you with the relative proportion of prescribing of each drug against each other – please see below graph. As explained above the data is not just for patients with Schizophrenia.



DDD stands for Daily Defined Dosage.

Should you like to discuss payment or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely  
*Sue Smith*

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**Information Rights Officer**

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