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Thank you for your request concerning Medication Errors And Adverse Drug Event.

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

I would like to obtain specific information regarding medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events within Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. I would also like to obtain information on the uptake of prefilled syringes within an Intensive Care Unit setting, including the specific medicines used in prefilled syringes.

1. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The value of medicines wastage every year in Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust in £.

Medicine wastage is not recorded at ward and clinic level however in the pharmacy dispensary £9,400 worth of medicines were discarded due to expired stock.

2. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The number of medicines in prefilled syringes procured for usage in the following departments within Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;
- Accident & Emergency departments;
- Operating rooms.

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is a provider of mental health and specialist learning disability services; we do not operate the aforementioned department.

b) **The names of the specific medicines which are procured in prefilled syringes for usage in the following departments within Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust:**

- **Intensive Care Units;**
- **Accident & Emergency departments;**
- **Operating rooms.**

Not applicable

3. **We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):**

- a) **The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.**
- b) **The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a prefilled syringe was used within Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.**

We are unable to provide you with this information because the above criteria are not a reportable category on our reporting system.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

