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Thank you for your request concerning unlicensed medication.

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

1. What is the **total value** of spend by your NHS Trust on unlicensed medication (i.e. Special Order, Drug Tariff Special Order, Part VIII D Drug Tariff Special Order) that have a BNF liquid formulation (e.g. liquid, solution, suspension)? Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years (*please fill in the tables below*).
Note: Value of spend to mean either net ingredient cost or actual cost. Please state which you have used below. Actual cost would be the total cost to NHS commissioners whereas NIC is the cost at list price excluding VAT.

Total value:

Type	Total spend / cost on liquid unlicensed products procured			Notes
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23	
Special Order	HPFT TOTAL : We are unable to provide the total spend as some medication is dispensed by community chemists ¹ .			
Special Order	£3,800	£2,800	£10,170	Kingsley Green In-House Pharmacy Only

Total volume:

Type	Total volume of liquid unlicensed products procured			Notes
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-20 to Mar-21	
Special Order	28,500 ml	31,700ml	47,500ml	HPFT TOTAL This volume includes all our prescribing (including in-house pharmacy, FP10s and SLA)
Special Order	5,350ml	3,450ml	7,800ml	Kingsley Green In-House Pharmacy Only

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him

2. Do you outsource the manufacturing of liquid unlicensed products?

Yes

3. If no to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), what proportion of the products that you manufacture in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?

Not applicable.

4. If yes to question 3 (use of outsourcing providers), what is the total value of spend by provider? Please provide this information for the following years (please fill in the tables below).

Note: If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

Outsourcing provider <i>(fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required)</i>	Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-20 to Mar-21

We are unable to provide you with the spend by provider as the medication is supplied by community chemists¹.

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](#).

