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Thank you for your request concerning co-codamol supply issues.

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

I would like to request the following information relating to the supply disruption affecting prescription co-codamol, particularly 30mg/500mg tablets and capsules.

1. Current Stock and Usage

a. What is the current stock level of co-codamol in 30mg/500mg tablets held by your Trust (by number of tablets/capsules and number of packs)?

302 tablets (3x100 plus 2 tabs in 30 pack)

b. What is your Trust's monthly dispensing or usage volume of co-codamol 30mg/500mg since March 2025 to present?

	Tablet Dispensed
March 2025	360
April 2025	288
May 2025	88
June 2025	161
July 2025	511
August 2025	33
September 2025	370
October 2025	834
November 2025	257
December 2025	214
January 2026	442
February 2026	340
March 2026	425
April 2026	0
May 2026	0

2. Supply Disruption and Patient Impact

a. Has your Trust experienced any disruption to the supply of co-codamol 30mg/500mg in the past three years (2022–2025)?

Yes

b. **If yes, please provide: the date(s) the disruption was first encountered, the approximate duration,.**
The disruption was first encountered in January 2026 and it spanned until April 2026 .

and which formulations were affected
Co-codamol 30/500 tabs

c. **Has the supply disruption required your Trust to switch patients to alternative analgesics?**
No

d. **If yes, please state which alternatives were prescribed and the number of patients affected.**
Not Applicable

e. **Has your Trust raised any formal incident reports internally or with NHS England/NHS Supply Chain as a result of this supply issue?**
No

f. **If yes, how many in the past 12 months?**
Not Applicable

3. **Stockpiling and Contingency**

a. **Does your Trust hold a formal contingency or safety stock policy for co-codamol 30mg/500mg?**
No as we have minimum threshold of 2x100 .

b. **If yes, please provide the minimum stock threshold.**
Not Applicable

c. **Has your Trust increased stock levels of surgical sutures as a precautionary measure in the past 12 months?**
No

d. **If yes, by how many units did you increase stock levels?**
Not Applicable

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

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Yours sincerely

D. Anthony
Information Rights Officer

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