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Thank you for your request concerning usage, cost and procurement.

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

Could you please provide the following information for the most recent complete 12-month period for which data is available (please state the period covered):
1. Sodium Benzoate tablets/capsules 500mg
2. Carglumic Acid 100mg powder for oral suspension
3. Mepacrine 100mg tablets

Please could you confirm, for each medicine individually:

1. **Formulary status – is the medicine included on the Trust's formulary, and if so, under what indication(s) or restrictions (e.g. specialist initiation only)? If not on formulary, please confirm this and how such requests are normally managed (e.g. individual funding request, non-formulary approval process).**
   As a mental health trust we would not initiate anyone on these medications. It would be specialist initiation only. If we had to continue treatment, they would go through the Non-Formulary request procedure with Drugs & Therapeutic Committee

2. **Volume used – the total quantity used or dispensed over the 12-month period, in tablets/capsules or packs (whichever is more readily available from your records). Please specify which unit you are reporting in.**
   NIL – we have not supplied any of these medications in the last 12 months.

3. **Source of supply – whether each medicine is procured as an unlicensed "special," and if so, the name of the wholesaler, importer, or specials manufacturer used, or whether it is sourced via a standard NHS pharmaceutical wholesaler.**
   Please see response to question 2 .

4. **Total expenditure – the total amount spent by the Trust on each medicine over the same 12-month period.**
   Please see response to question 2 .

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

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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 click here.