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NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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Dear William Knight,

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Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 48112 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Trust processes to reduce medication waste

Your request is set out below:

1. Does your Trust have a formal policy on medicines waste reduction?

We do not have a policy in place, but our Trust does have guidance on the reallocation of medication by pharmacy staff to reduce waste.

2. Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste

Yes/No

If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.

We complete an annual waste audit at every site that produces clinical waste, including medicine waste. This checks for compliance with waste regulations. Findings show that overall medicines are segregated compliantly and incinerated at end disposal.

3. Do you currently employ any staff specifically to support medicines waste?

No, but we do have a Medicines Safety Officer who plays a role in supporting this work as part of their responsibilities within the trust.

If yes, how many full-time equivalents do you employ?

N/A

4. How often does your organisation report on the management of waste (including cost) at Board level?

Other (please state)

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

Any concerns regarding medication waste will be reported to the board through the annual Medicines Management Report. Additionally, the Medication Incident Review Group, which meets every other month, addresses all medication safety issues.

The cost of medicine waste disposal is reported annually as part of the Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) As this is incinerated the overall cost included sharps waste.

5. For each of the hospitals in your Trust, what is the value of medication you have had to waste in the last 2 financial years? This the value of medication that was the property of the hospital at the point it was wasted, i.e. the cost of medication that expired before it could be used.

The pharmacy supply service is outsourced to an independent community pharmacy, so we are unable to provide this information.

6. For each hospital in your Trust, what has been your total drug spend over the past two financial years?

**2022-23 £3,337k
2023-24 £3,768k**

7. For the last two financial years combined what is the drug that you have wasted the most of, and what was the total cost?

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I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely
On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department