

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.999
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Thank you for your email received 9 November 2021 requesting information regarding medicines.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

I would like to obtain specific information regarding medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events within Kent Community Health 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 Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust in £.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide a response to this part of your request as we do not collect data on the value of medicines waste.

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 Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust:

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

b) The names of the specific medicines which are procured in prefilled syringes for usage in the following departments within Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust:

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

As a Trust we do not operate intensive care units or accident and emergency department.

In our podiatric theatre we use propofol 1% pre-filled syringes and Scandonest 3% cartridges.

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 Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust.

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b) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a prefilled syringe was used within Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust.

We have had only one medicines incident which mentioned to Scandonest 3%. This was unrelated to the product itself.