

FOI REF: 23/243

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I'm requesting the following information on compassionate use medicines:

- 1) **How many patients at your trust have been supplied medicines approved through the Early Access to Medicines Scheme (EAMS) each year between April 2014 and April 2023?**

Year	Number of Patients
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	2
2017/18	2
2018/19	2
2019/20	1
2020/21	1
2021/22	2
2022/23	7

- 2) **How many requests has your trust made to pharmaceutical companies for access to medicines offered through a company-led 'compassionate use' or 'free of charge' scheme each year between April 2014 and April 2023?**

[We do not hold this information.](#)

- a. **How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?**

[We do not hold this information.](#)

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3) How many requests have clinicians at your trust submitted to pharmaceutical companies for access to an unlicensed medicine to treat patients each year between April 2014 and April 2023, outside of a company-led scheme?

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a. How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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