

FOI REF: 25/162

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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:

**Please can I request the following information regarding your Trust's processes to reduce medication waste.**

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

No.

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

No.

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

Not applicable.

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

No.

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

Not applicable.

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

**Annually/Quarterly/Monthly/Never/Other (please state)**

Monthly.

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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.

Conquest Hospital	£273,951.00
Eastbourne District General Hospital	£325,157.00

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

Conquest Hospital	£64,958,299
Eastbourne District General Hospital	£52,857,350

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?

Influenza Quadrivalent Vaccine	£49,441.00
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8. Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste

No.

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

Not applicable.

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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely

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