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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

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):

For each of the following three medicines:

- 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:

- a) 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).**
- b) 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.**
- c) 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.**
- d) Total expenditure – the total amount spent by the Trust on each medicine over the same 12-month period.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-591 - Response'.](#)

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net

quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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		Formulary Status	Volume Used	Source of Supply	Total Expenditure
1)	Sodium Benzoate tablets/capsules 500mg.	Non formulary- any requests approved by consultant request to Trust medicines optimisation group	0	Alliance Specials	£77.21
2)	Carglumic Acid 100mg powder for oral suspension.	Formulary - Specialist Prescribing	Not applicable - Carglumic Acid is not on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's Drug list.		
3)	Mepacrine 100mg tablets.	Non formulary- any requests approved by consultant request to Trust medicines optimisation group	Not applicable - Mepacrine is not on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's Drug list.		