

Ref: FOI/2024/10377

Date Received: 18th December 2024

Response Due: 20th January 2025

Date: 14th January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18th December 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. I would like a list of all drugs currently under consideration for use within the trust.

The Trust does not have a list of drugs currently under consideration. The Trust follows the regional formulary maintained by Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group (GMMMGM) which is available via the following link: <https://gmmmg.nhs.uk/joint-formulary/gmmmg-formulary-chapters/>

New drugs that come to market are considered for addition by the GMMMGM and they should be contacted directly if any further information on this process is required.

2. I would like to know within the last year how many drugs have been approved by NICE but rejected for use in your trust. If this is applicable I would like a list of all drugs rejected.

No drugs with NICE approval have been rejected. Once they have received NICE approval, they are automatically added to the GMMMGM formulary within 90 days (or sooner where NICE specifies that the medication is a 'fast track' drug).

3. I would like to know how much the Trust has spent on drugs for the years 2024, 2023, 2022.

2021/22 = £26,863,123.

2022/23 = £28,903,223.

2023/24 = £31,658,520.

4. I would like to know how much the Trust has received from NHS England specifically to purchase drugs for 2024, 2023, 2022.

2021/22 = £5,568,291.

2022/23 = £5,732,731.

2023/24 = £5,743,498.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Masterman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Gary Masterman
Deputy Chief Pharmacist

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111