

FOI 0505_2025 Response

Dear FOI Team,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding your Trust's processes to reduce medication waste. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

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

i. Yes/No

No Trust wide policy

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

i. Yes/No

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

Not known

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

i. Yes/No

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

Yes, Pharmacy staff manage the returned waste medicines from the wards. Mostly done by the Pharmacy Assistant Technical Officer (ATO) and technicians, with some input from the pharmacists.

Please note staff members have not been specifically employed for this purpose, it is part of their job description.

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

i. Annually/Quarterly/Monthly/Never/Other (please state)

Summerhill Supplies Limited (SSL) report to Board twice a year and provide updates on all aspects of estates and facilities.

SSL reports to BSMHFT as part of the Trust Annual report on Sustainability / Green issues – which does include waste.

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.

The Trust do not record value of waste medication rather we record returned medicines to pharmacy by weight.

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

The Trust is unable to provide an accurate response to this query.

Although we can provide the total value of the medicines bought in, this would not cover the costs for medication ordered via FP10 prescriptions in community pharmacies.

- 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?**

Not recorded.

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

i. Yes/No

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

No