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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011291

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 13/11/2012 in connection with 'BBC - Orphan drugs'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

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Yours sincerely

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Please find the response to your request attached and enclosed.

For the financial year 2011/12 (or most recent full year available), and the financial year 2001/02, please provide the following information: Of the drugs listed below –

1. How many of these drugs were prescribed

There were 30415 dose units prescribed

2. In what quantity (number of patients, number of months, etc.)

Please find attached the number of units prescribed

3. The total cost for each drug

The Trust takes part in collaborative procurement for these agents, with local (West Midlands) and national (CMU) hubs delivering the tender, overseeing the adjudication and managing the contracts. This is how the majority of our medicines are purchased to ensure a) any issues relating to purchasing medicines are raised and dealt with and b) the best acquisition price is gained by purchasing in a nationally managed way (i.e. drive down costs but manage resilience in the market). We understand that the CMU, DH and ABPI are reaching agreement about how to deal with FOIs in terms of the commercial and public interests at stake in contracting medicines

With this in mind, the Trust would comply fully with any such guidance (which would need to be FOI compliant by its very nature) once it is available. Unfortunately the Trust has not yet been given a date when this will be released.

For questions 1 - 3 The Trust does not hold the data for 2001/2002

For the financial year 2011/12 (or most recent full year available), and the financial year 2001/02, please provide the following information, the total cost of all spending on all drugs.

Total cost of spending on all drugs for 2011/2012 was £24,182,000. The Trust does not hold the data for financial year 2001/2002