

Ref FOI17 454
Date 7 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

1/ The quantity of controlled drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

Response – None, any losses have been accounted for.

Breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

Response – Not applicable.

2/ Quantity of prescription drugs that has gone missing or unaccounted for from Trust hospitals in each of the last three calendar years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

Please include a breakdown of types of drugs and locations from which they have gone missing

Response – No losses from stock medicines that have been considered as suspect. Stock checks do result in amendments to stock levels recorded which are reviewed. No specific cases of missing or unaccounted for prescription drugs. Reports for standard stock adjustments are retained within the pharmacy stock control system, with full audit trail at ward level in the automated systems.

3/ Monetary value of the missing or unaccounted for drugs, broken down by each of the last three calendar years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

Response – N/A

4/ Number of cases referred to police and relevant professional regulators

Response – No cases for stock missing. One case of patient’s own drug found in doctor’s possession. Referred to police.

5/ Please describe auditing procedures that take place relating to controlled and non-controlled medicines

Response – Pharmacy stock: rolling stocktake for all drugs 3 times per drug per year. Daily for controlled drugs.

Ward level: Automated cupboards stock management with Pharmacy top-up, stock is checked more than once a week. Controlled drugs checks minimum weekly, actual is every time a drug is removed (required for automated cupboard).

External audit programme of processes for stock control within pharmacy and controlled drug management at ward level.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team