

Ref FOI17 456
Date 27 November 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.

Information on expenditure by this Trust on equipment and drugs purchased from outside the UK.

How much did your Trust spend on purchasing drugs and medical equipment from suppliers located abroad in the financial years 2016/17, 2015/16 and 2014/15?

Response – The Trust's spend on purchasing drugs and medical equipment from suppliers located abroad was as follows:-

2014/15 - £866

2015/16 - £303

2016/17 - Nil

What are the five largest purchases of drugs and medical equipment from overseas since July 2016, please could you provide the total amount spent, the date of the purchase and the country they were purchased from?

Response – The Trust has not made any purchases of drugs or medical equipment from overseas since July 2016, as of 31st October 2017.

Has your Trust produced any estimate of the impact of the fall in the value of the pound on supply costs and if so has this affected procurement strategy?

Response – The Trust has not estimated the impact of the fall in the value of the pound as the number of transactions from overseas that expose the Trust to any currency risk are small. Our

procurement strategy remains the same with regard to any external factors which is to say we align ourselves to Nationally Contracted prices and flag any potential process increases and do not accept price increases.

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

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

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

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

