

Reference Number: FOI2021/183
From: Commercial
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Subject: Spends for needles and syringes

Q1 Annual spend on needles and syringes as follows for 2018 and 2019:

- a. Needles and syringes in total
- b. Specifically
 - i. Hypodermic needles (non-safety)
 - ii. Safety hypodermic needles
 - iii. Syringes
 - iv. Combined Insulin needles and syringes
 - v. Insulin pen needles
 - vi. NR Fit needles and syringes
 - vii. Anaesthesia needles and syringes
 - viii. Soft tissue biopsy needles
 - ix. Bone marrow biopsy needles

A1 2018/19 – Needles - £85,376.60 ; Syringes - £86,967.95

2019/20 - Needles - £74,124.27 ; Syringes - £110,000.53

Breakdown by category is not available as this information is not centrally recorded in this format.

Q2 Biopsy needles

a. Do you consider that you mainly use manual, semi-automatic or fully automatic needles

A2 Having considered your request we do not deem that this question meets the criteria for a valid request for information under the FOIA, as it is asking for perspective and opinion rather than recorded data or information held by the Trust i.e. they do not 'describe the information being requested'.

Q3 List of your current purchase price for needles and syringe products

A3 Individual pricing structures have been exempted (Section 43 – Commercial Interests) due to the potential damage to commercial interests of the current suppliers as release of this information and any other unique pricing likely to be requested for disclosure would allow other competitors a significant competitive advantage and thus harm the commercial interests of our current suppliers.

Q4 Contact (Name, email, phone number) details for the ward consumables purchaser(s) responsible for placing orders for needles and syringes

A4 Responsibilities fall with the remit of our Head of Procurement - Steve Doran,
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