

Reference Number: FOI202425/420
From: Private Individual
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Subject: New drugs that have been approved by the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence but have not been made available within your Trust

I am writing to request information on new drugs that have been approved by the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence but have not been made available within your trust. With that in mind I would like to request the following information.

Q1 I would like a list of all drugs currently under consideration for use within the trust.

A1 Zero. Each time a potentially relevant NICE Technology Appraisal (TA) is issued it is submitted to the Trusts Drugs & Therapeutics Committee for review. If it is relevant it is included on the Trust formulary.

Q2 I would like to know within the last year how many drugs have been approved by NICE but rejected for use in your trust. If this is applicable I would like a list of all drugs rejected.

A2 Please see attached. The Trust are a specialist tertiary cardiothoracic centre and many drugs (cancer, ophthalmology, dermatology etc) are never initiated here.

Q3 I would like to know how much the Trust has spent on drugs for the years 2024, 2023, 2022.

A3

Years	Trust Spend
2022	£31m
2023	£33m
2024	£37m

Q4 I would like to know how much the Trust has received from NHS England (NHSE) specifically to purchase drugs for 2024, 2023, 2022.

A4

Years	NHS England Drug Income
2022	£22m
2023	£24m
2024	£26m*

*The Trust have not yet received income from NHSE relating to October– December 2024 Drugs (Approx £1.045m) so this has been excluded from these numbers, but we are expecting this payment in early 2025.