

Reference Number: FOI202526/033
From: Other
Date: 17 April 2025
Subject: Buying and supplying Paracetamol and ibuprofen

Please include the following information for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25:

Q1 The total number of individual patients to whom paracetamol and ibuprofen were prescribed by your Trust annually.

A1

Row Labels	Count of Local Patient Identifier
2022/23	9456
2023/24	10172
2024/25	9503
Grand Total	29131

Q2 The total amount spent by your Trust on supplying prescribed paracetamol and Ibuprofen in each of those financial years

A2

Spend	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Paracetamol	£30,397.58	£23,277.42	£25,049.95
ibuprofen	£333.49	£251.28	£413.06

For usage, please see attached – [033 FOI Response](#)

Q3 If available, a breakdown of the form in which paracetamol was prescribed (e.g., tablets, capsules, liquid suspension, etc.) and associated costs for each form.

A3 [See attached – 033 FOI Response](#)

Q4 What are the specific conditions which qualify a patient to be prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen? Or what is your general policy for qualifying a prescription for paracetamol or ibuprofen?

A4 [We keep to the licensed indications for prescribing both paracetamol and ibuprofen.](#)

2022/23	Sum of Total_Qty
PARACETAMOL (TAKE...TABS...TIMES A DAY) 500MG TABS (32)	82
PARACETAMOL!1000mg/100mL!INFUSION (10 vials)	32320
PARACETAMOL!250mg/5mL!SF SUSPENSION (100mL)	0
PARACETAMOL!250mg/5mL!SUSPENSION (100mL)	3700
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPLETS (100 tabs)	200
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPLETS (32 tabs)	-32
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPSULES (32 caps)	32
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SOLUBLE TABLETS (100 tabs)	500
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SOLUBLE TABLETS (60 tabs)	8820
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SUPPOSITORIES (10 supps)	40
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (100 tabs)	344546
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (32 tabs)	66924
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (PRE-LABELLED) (32 tabs)	64
Grand Total	457196

2023/24	Sum of Total_Qty
PARACETAMOL (TAKE...TABS...TIMES A DAY) 500MG TABS (32)	66
PARACETAMOL!1000mg/100mL!INFUSION (10 bags)	500
PARACETAMOL!1000mg/100mL!INFUSION (10 vials)	15258
PARACETAMOL!1000mg/100mL!INFUSION (50 bags)	1354
PARACETAMOL!250mg/5mL!SUSPENSION (100mL)	14500
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPLETS (100 tabs)	568
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPSULES (32 caps)	288
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SOLUBLE TABLETS (60 tabs)	15560
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SUPPOSITORIES (10 supps)	2160
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (100 tabs)	437093
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (32 tabs)	35496
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (PRE-LABELLED) (32 tabs)	96
Grand Total	522939

2024/25	Sum of Total_Qty
PARACETAMOL (TAKE...TABS...TIMES A DAY) 500MG TABS (32)	14
PARACETAMOL!1000mg/100mL!INFUSION (10 vials)	22501
PARACETAMOL!1000mg/100mL!INFUSION (50 bags)	2446
PARACETAMOL!250mg/5mL!SUSPENSION (100mL)	7900
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPLETS (100 tabs)	1000
PARACETAMOL!500mg!CAPSULES (32 caps)	32
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SOLUBLE TABLETS (24 tabs)	4104
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SOLUBLE TABLETS (60 tabs)	6910
PARACETAMOL!500mg!SUPPOSITORIES (10 supps)	250
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (100 tabs)	466920
PARACETAMOL!500mg!TABLETS (32 tabs)	17112
Grand Total	529189

2022/23	Sum of Total_Qty
IBUPROFEN 400mg!TABLETS (84 PRE-LABELLED)	420
IBUPROFEN!10%!GEL (30g)	10
IBUPROFEN!10%!GEL (50g)	33
IBUPROFEN!200mg!TABLETS (84 tabs)	3739
IBUPROFEN!400mg!TABLETS (84 tabs)	10888
IBUPROFEN!5%!GEL (50g)	37
Grand Total	15127

2023/24	Sum of Total_Qty
IBUPROFEN 400mg!TABLETS (84 PRE-LABELLED)	252
IBUPROFEN!10%!GEL (30g)	9
IBUPROFEN!10%!GEL (50g)	21
IBUPROFEN!100mg/5mL!SF SUSPENSION (100mL)	100
IBUPROFEN!200mg!TABLETS (84 tabs)	2288
IBUPROFEN!400mg!TABLETS (84 tabs)	8641
IBUPROFEN!5%!GEL (50g)	36
Grand Total	11347

2024/25	Sum of Total_Qty
IBUPROFEN!10%!GEL (30g)	14
IBUPROFEN!10%!GEL (50g)	27
IBUPROFEN!100mg/5mL!SF SUSPENSION (100mL)	600
IBUPROFEN!100mg/5mL!SF SUSPENSION (500mL)	2000
IBUPROFEN!200mg!TABLETS (84 tabs)	3233
IBUPROFEN!400mg!TABLETS (84 tabs)	8083
IBUPROFEN!5%!GEL (50g)	46
Grand Total	14003