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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**You asked for information regarding tablets:**

For each of the questions, please can you provide answers for each of the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16:

**1. PARACETAMOL**

Which suppliers did you buy paracetamol from?

How many packets of paracetamol did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of paracetamol did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How much did you pay each supplier for paracetamol?

How much did you spend on paracetamol in total?

How many prescriptions in total did you make for paracetamol?

How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?

How much money were you paid by patients for paracetamol?

**2. IBUPROFEN**

Which suppliers did you buy ibuprofen from?

How many packets of ibuprofen did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of ibuprofen did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How much did you pay each supplier for ibuprofen?

How much did you spend on ibuprofen in total?

How many prescriptions in total did you make for ibuprofen?

How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?

How much money were you paid by patients for ibuprofen?

### 3. ASPIRIN

Which suppliers did you buy aspirin from?

How many packets of aspirin did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of aspirin did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How much did you pay each supplier for aspirin?

How much did you spend on aspirin in total?

How many prescriptions in total did you make for aspirin?

How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?

How much money were you paid by patients for aspirin?

### 4. CODEINE PHOSPHATE

Which suppliers did you buy codeine phosphate from?

How many packets of codeine phosphate did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of codeine phosphate did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How much did you pay each supplier for codeine phosphate?

How much did you spend on codeine phosphate in total?

How many prescriptions in total did you make for codeine phosphate?

How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?

How much money were you paid by patients for codeine phosphate?

### Our Response:

Please see information below in relation to the total number of prescription items and total actual cost of the 4 requested drugs (Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Aspirin, Codeine Phosphate):

Period Name	Aspirin		Paracetamol		Codeine Phosphate		Ibuprofen	
	Total Prescription Items	Total Act Cost	Total Prescription Items	Total Act Cost	Total Prescription Items	Total Act Cost	Total Prescription Items	Total Act Cost
Financial 2013/2014	6,709	£14,701.26	148,217	£527,184.50	17,169	£77,741.22	28,829	£88,955.51
Financial 2014/2015	4,793	£10,478.57	152,693	£551,952.25	19,164	£86,812.78	27,946	£86,244.23
Financial 2015/2016	2,894	£7,494.19	149,212	£537,723.53	21,850	£91,758.42	25,661	£81,798.73

Data Source: ePACT.net

\* Data above DOES NOT include combination products where eg both aspirin and paracetamol are in one product

With regards to your further queries, unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information as this is held by community pharmacies. As NHS England holds the contracts for community pharmacies, I have included their contact information below should you wish to contact them directly:

Telephone: 0300 311 22 33

Email: [England.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:England.contactus@nhs.net)

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This service operates Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00 hrs, excluding Bank Holiday.

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