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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the amount of out of date medicines and equipment discarded by the Trust.

*Please detail the following for each of the hospitals in your trust, stating which hospital the details relate to:*

*1) In the calendar year 2015,*

*a. please state how much medicine was discarded by the hospital due to being passed its expiry date? (please say what the medicine was and how much was thrown away (defined by weight))*

*b. Please state the cost of this discarded medicine.*

*c. Please state how much equipment was discarded by the hospital due to being passed its expiry date (please say what the equipment was, including but not limited to items such as bandages or needles, and how many of each item were thrown away)*

*d. Please state the cost of this discarded equipment.*

*2.*

*a - d) Same for 2014.*

*3.*

*a - d) Same for 2013*

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is not currently able to measure the amount of wastage for medicines and equipment. Therefore the Trust is unable to supply the data requested.

If you have any queries about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.