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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 Viscosupplementation injections.

You asked:

- 1. Does your organisation use/perform Viscosupplementation injections?*
- 2. If so, how much did your organisation spend on Viscosupplementation injections between the period of 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018?*
- 3. If your organisation used Viscosupplementation between the period 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018, which brand(s) Viscosupplement did you use?*
To make your research easier, I have listed all commonly used Viscosupplements that you can cross reference:

- . Arthrum H*
- . Orthovisc*
- . Crespine Gel*
- . Durolane*
- . Euflexxa*
- . Fermathron*
- . Ostenil*
- . Ostenil Plus*
- . RenehaVis*
- . Suplasyn*
- . Synocrom*
- . Synocrom Mini*
- . Synolis*
- . Monovisc*
- . Synopsis*

- Synvisc (Hylan GF-20)
- Synvisc One (Hylan GF-20)

4. How many units of each brand of Viscosupplement injections did you use?

Trust response:

Figures for 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018		
Brand	Quantity	
Synvisc ONE	3 pre-filled 48mg/6ml injections	Total spend
Ostenil Plus	2 pre-filled 40mg/2ml injection	£**

** The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of further detailed information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested is of an amount which may identify the items or services provided which would be likely to damage the company's ability to win new business opportunities for their services and products and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/