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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 Sodium Chloride.

You asked:

- 1. What is your usage of sodium chloride 5% (10ml) units in the last 12 months?*
- 2. How many units of ODM5 have you used in the last 12 months?*
- 3. Who have been your suppliers of sodium chloride 5% (10ml) units during the past 12 months?*
- 4. What price does your trust pay for Sodium Chloride 5% (10ml units)?*

Trust response:

1. 48 x 10ml
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