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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 collection of prescription charges.

You asked:

- 1. Do you directly supply pre-labelled medication from stock against a PGD or FP10REC for patients who present at urgent care services?*
- 2. Do you take a prescription charge for medicines directly supplied from stock against a PGD or FP10REC?*
- 3. If the answer to question 2 is YES please provide a brief description of how you collect the prescription charge.*
- 4. Please feel free to add any comments that you think would be useful or if you would like to discuss please do so using the contact details below.*

Trust response:

Please see the following table.

Medication directly supplied against a PGD or FP10REC (Y/N)	Prescription charge collected for medication directly supplied against a PGD or FP10REC (Y/N)	Method used to collect a prescription charge.	Other information

<p>Y medication is supplied under PGD</p>	<p>N prescription charges are not collected for items supplied under PGD unless the patient also presents a prescription for an additional item/s to be dispensed from pharmacy and in which case we charge for the dispensed item and any item already issued in A&E</p>	<p>None in the department Cash or card in pharmacy</p>	<p>Previous projects have investigated payments taken directly in A&E. Due to the high % of patients who are exempt from charges or who already have pre-payment certificates – the number of patients who would be eligible is very low. In addition, there would be costs of implementing a charging system and potential delays to patient flow</p>
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