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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 Medicines shortage cost.

You asked:

- 1) The total number of medicines that your trust considered to be facing a shortage throughout:
 - a. 2016/17
 - b. 2017/18
 - c. 2018/19 to date*
- 2) A list of the medicines your trust considered to be in short supply for each year:
 - a. 2016/17
 - b. 2017/18
 - c. 2018/19 to date*
- 3) The total amount of money your trust spent in response to these medicines shortages to find and procure alternative medicines – including the cost of "off-contract claims" from suppliers against NHS England/CMU contracts – in:
 - a. 2016/17
 - b. 2017/18
 - c. 2018/19 to date*
- 4) A breakdown of what this cost includes, if it includes costs other than that of finding and procuring alternative medicines, for each year listed above.*

Trust response:

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Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not hold the information requested. Please contact NHS Commercial Solutions, Regional Procurement Pharmacy Specialist, The Atrium Business Centre, Curtis Road, Dorking,

Surrey, RH4 1XA who will have all details for the whole region for stock shortages

We do not have records of off-contract claims before April 2018.

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Off contract claims total from April 2018 is £33,716.