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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 Hyaluronate Eye drop.

You asked:

1. How much did your organisation spend on Sodium Hyaluronate eye drop formulations between the period of 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018?

2. Between the period 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018, which brand(s) of Sodium Hyaluronate eye drop formulations did you use?

To make your research easier, I have listed all commonly used brands which you can cross reference:

- *Blink Intensive Tears*
- *Lacrifresh*
- *Artelac Rebalance*
- *Oxyal*
- *Xailin HA*
- *Optive Fusion*
- *Hyabak*
- *Hydramed*
- *Evolve HA*
- *Vismed Multi*
- *Clinitas Multi*
- *Eye Logic*
- *Euphrasia*
- *Biotrue*
- *Vismed Gel Multi*
- *Hysoothe*
- *Optrex Night Restore Gel*
- *Hy-Opti*
- *Hylo-Tear*
- *Murine Professional*

- *Hylo-Forte*
 - *Hycosan Fresh*
 - *Hylo Care*
 - *Hycosan*
3. *How many units of each brand did you use?*

Trust response:

1. £2932

2.

Clinitas

Thealoz

Hyaluronate

Vismed Multi

3. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of 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 contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services 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.

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