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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 opioid analgesic prescription painkillers.

*You asked:*

- 1. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total spend on opioid analgesic prescription painkillers for patients currently on a waiting list in your trust awaiting surgery for a joint replacement?*
- 2. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of individuals on a waiting list in your trust who are being prescribed opiate painkillers of all prescription types to manage their pain?*
- 3. For each calendar year from 2015, how many individuals are currently on a waiting list within your trust who have been prescribed opioid medications to help manage their pain?*
- 4. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total cost of opioid medicines being prescribed to patients by GPs in your trust?*
- 5. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of people that are currently being prescribed opiate medicines by GPs in your trust?*

Trust response:

1. The Trust does not hold this information. Patients will be prescribed medicines by their GPs while on a waiting list.
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3. The Trust does not hold this information. Patients will be prescribed medicines by their GPs while on a waiting list.
4. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not have GPs in our Trust.
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