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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 Pharmacy and Prescribing function.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. Does your organisation have an outpatient pharmacy\* If yes, please provide the detail in the below table.*
- 2. Does the hospital outpatient pharmacy provide prescriptions dispensed in the community e.g., for hospices or home care providers?  
If yes please, please provide the annual cost in the below table.*
- 3. What is the value of your organisations planned savings opportunity from medicines procurement for 23/24?*
- 4. What are the biggest areas\*\* of spend you expect to make the largest savings in?*

*\*An outpatient pharmacy dispenses medication for patients who are seen in outpatient clinics or A&E.*

*\*\*Medicines procurement spend areas could include secondary care medicines, Ophthalmology and Blood glucose and ketone meters*

Trust response:

1.

| Hospital/ Site          | In House/ Outsourced? |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Main Pharmacy Maidstone | In-House              |
| Oncology Maidstone      | In-House              |
| Tunbridge Wells         | In-House              |

2. Yes. It is impossible to calculate the pharmacy provision for outpatients separately as all three dispensaries also support the inpatient wards. We do not dispense to Hospices.

3. The value for 23/24 is currently estimated to be £1,046,847

4. Ophthalmology biosimilar switch, implementing further homecare switches and switches to biosimilars and improving adherence to hyperuricaemia dosing in oncology