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Your Ref
Our Ref FOI 0005590

Mr Struan Garvie

By Email

Enquiries to Hilary Chalmers
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Dear Mr Garvie,

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

We write in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act.

Could you please provide me with the NHS Fourth Valley area annual expenditure on paracetamol given out in prescriptions by General Practitioners for the last three years.

Response: NHS Forth Valley has considered your request and we can confirm that the information is “otherwise accessible”. The exemption that we consider applies is set out below:

Section 25 – Information otherwise accessible

Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

The information you have requested can be reasonably obtained from the following location:

https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/organization/isd?q=prescription&sort=score+desc%2C+metadata_modified+desc

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/prescriptions-in-the-community>

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/prescribed-dispensed>

This will give information on number of items by GP Practice and aggregated figures for all other supplies.

- 1. FV Data is available by filtering on HBT2014 with the value S08000019**
- 2. Filtering the BNF Item Description for the relevant products**

We trust this is to your satisfaction. However, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to request a review. A request for review must be made in writing to Miss Deirdre Coyle, Head of Information Governance, NHS Forth Valley, CSD, Colquhoun

Street, Stirling, FK7 7PX or fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot, no later than forty working days from receipt of the response. Your request must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to ask for advice, assistance or a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Please feel free to contact us should you require any further advice or assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Chalmers
Lead Freedom of Information Officer