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**Freedom of Information Request: Prescription of Avandia/Rosiglitazone**

Dear Ms. Cantwell

Thank you for your request for information. I can confirm that Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust has now completed its search for the information you requested on the 03/04/2012 in relation to the above.

The information you have requested is attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

**Jessica Pickup**  
**Information Governance Manager**

FOI Complaints:  
In the first instance, write to:  
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Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Integrated Governance  
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Email: [foi@mcht.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@mcht.nhs.uk)

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In your request you asked for the following information: -

- 1] When did Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust medical staff last prescribe Avandia/Rosiglitazone?

The Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the information you have requested in such a way to make this easily identifiable and retrievable. In order to comply with your request an extremely manual large exercise, to review all patient records, would be required to acquire and collate this information. It is estimated that this would take far in excess of the 'appropriate limit' of 18 hours as laid down in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 and as such is exempt under S12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Section 12(1) states that:**

"Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."

Under Section 16 of the Act the Trust is under obligation to provide advice and assistance which may help to bring your request within the appropriate limit. However, the Trust estimates that it is not possible to reduce the information to fall inside the appropriate limit. The Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has therefore, in this instance, declined to provide the requested information in the interests of Trust resources. This letter should be seen as a refusal notice regarding this particular part of your request.

- 2] When did Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's pharmacist last dispense Avandia/Rosiglitazone?

Avandia/Rosiglitazone was last dispensed by the Trust in September 2010

- 3] Has Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's medical staff  
- including cardiologists - ever prescribed Avandia/Rosiglitazone to a patient with a history of heart failure which was known to be "off label"? I ask this because NICE guidelines in 2004 state that Avandia/Rosiglitazone was not to be given to such patients.

Unfortunately, the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not hold the information you have requested in such a way to make this easily identifiable and retrievable. In order to comply with your request an extremely large exercise would be required to acquire and collate this information. It is estimated that this would take far in excess of the 'appropriate limit' of 18 hours as laid down in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 and as such is exempt under S12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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- 4] Have you had any complaints that Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has prescribed Avandia/Rosiglitazone "off label"?

The Trust has received no complaints regarding the prescribing of prescribed Avandia/Rosiglitazone "off label".

- 5] Have you had any legal action initiated against Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for prescribing Avandia/Rosiglitazone "off label"?

There has been no legal action initiated against Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for prescribing Avandia/Rosiglitazone "off label"

- 6] Have any of your patients died in consequence of side-effects of having Rosiglitazone/Avandia? And, if so, how many - if any - were known heart patients at the time of taking Rosiglitazone/Avandia?

The Trust has no record of patients dying as a direct consequence of side-effects of having Rosiglitazone/Avandia.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss your request further. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal. In the first instance, please contact the Trust's Governance Manager who will initiate an internal review. The Trust will then review its decision and respond to your appeal, as soon as possible, but within 20 working days. If, following the review, you are still not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, or if you are unhappy with our response, then under Section 50 of the Act, you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner.