

Ref. No: 0530  
Date: 14/12/23  
Subject: Unlicensed Aseptic Medicine Volumes

## REQUEST

Following on from a previous Freedom of Information (FOI) request (FOI0034), please provide the following updated information you have pertaining to NHS Trust unlicensed medicine volumes.

1. What are the volumes (by finished items) of unlicensed aseptically prepared medicines you have a) prepared in your own in-house units b) procured from other NHS units / Trusts c) outsourced to commercial compounders and d) drawn up and administered at ward level? Please provide this information on a volume for the following years (*please fill in the tables below*).

**Note:** “Unlicensed product” refers to medicines prepared in an aseptic unit under section 10 exemption under a specials license.

Category	Total volume of unlicensed aseptically prepared medicines		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
Prepared in your own in-house units			
Procured from other NHS units / trusts			
Outsourced to commercial compounders			
Drawn up and administered at ward level			

2. If possible, please provide the data in the table above broken down by product name.
3. Are all of the specials you prepare or procure relating to liquid formulations? If not, what share are liquid vs. dry formulation?

4. If you do outsource to commercial compounders, please provide the names of these providers.
5. If you do outsource to commercial compounders, what is the total volume by provider? Please provide this information for the following years *(please fill in the tables below)*.

**Note:** If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

Outsourcing provider	Total volume of unlicensed aseptically prepared medicines		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
<i>(fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required)</i>			

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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Please find information attached.

2. If possible, please provide the data in the table above broken down by product name.

Unable to provide.

3. Are all of the specials you prepare or procure relating to liquid formulations? If not, what share are liquid vs. dry formulation?

Yes.

- 4. If you do outsource to commercial compounders, please provide the names of these providers.**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Baxter, Braun, and ITH Pharma.

Southport and Ormskirk:

No.

- 5. If you do outsource to commercial compounders, what is the total volume by provider?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Please find information attached.

Southport and Ormskirk:

N/A