

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STATE HOSPITAL PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to medicines prescribing at the State Hospital.

Question:

1. Please tell me for each year from 2019 to 2025:
2. How many PRNs were administered to the non-learning disabled/autistic population of The State Hospital?
3. How many of these were doses of benzodiazepines?
4. How many PRNs were administered to the -learning disabled/autistic population of The State Hospital?
5. How many of these were doses of benzodiazepines?

Answer:

This information is not collected centrally. This is because our electronic prescribing system HEPMA does not record data by diagnosis. We would be able to provide the total numbers of PRN doses administered and the number of those which were benzodiazepines, but we are not able to determine the numbers administered to patients with learning disability or autism and those without these conditions.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at <https://www.foi.scot/appeal>. If

you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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