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Our Ref 11711

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to prescribing.

Question:

1. Total usage (units/ampoules) of acetylcholine chloride for intraocular irrigation.
2. A breakdown of usage by product, including:
 - MIPHTEL 20mg
 - Any other branded or unbranded acetylcholine chloride products
3. How many units of MIPHTEL were purchased/used, and from which suppliers (e.g., AAH, Alliance, Healthnet Homecare, Nordic Pharma).
4. Details of any alternative products used for intraoperative miosis when acetylcholine chloride is required.
5. Whether the Trust uses or sources any generic versions of acetylcholine chloride; if so, please provide product name, supplier, and usage.
6. Any supply issues experienced with MIPHTEL or acetylcholine chloride in the last 24 months.
7. Please can you provide the email and the named person for pharmacy procurement

Answer:

1.	0
2.	- 0 - 0
3.	0
4.	Pilocarpine has been used as a result of shortages of acetylcholine chloride.
5.	No
6.	Yes
7.	The Director of Pharmacy is Mr Scott Garden and the email address for Pharmacy Procurement is; loth.pharmacyprocurement2@nhs.scot

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 www.itspublicknowledge.info/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 FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head 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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