

Ref. No: 1689  
Date: 17/04/25  
Subject: Supplying Paracetamol and ibuprofen.

## REQUEST

This is an information request relating to NHS Trusts buying and supplying Paracetamol and ibuprofen.

Please include the following information for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25:

1. The total number of individual patients to whom paracetamol and ibuprofen were prescribed by your Trust annually.
2. The total amount spent by your Trust on supplying prescribed paracetamol and Ibuprofen in each of those financial years.
3. If available, a breakdown of the form in which paracetamol was prescribed (e.g., tablets, capsules, liquid suspension, etc.) and associated costs for each form.
4. What are the specific conditions which qualify a patient to be prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen? Or what is your general policy for qualifying a prescription for paracetamol or ibuprofen?

## RESPONSE

1. The total number of individual patients to whom paracetamol and ibuprofen were prescribed by your Trust annually. –

**The Trust does not hold this information**

2. The total amount spent by your Trust on supplying prescribed paracetamol and ibuprofen in each of those financial years.

**2022/23 £65,943**

**2023/24 £68,075**

**2024/25 £92,160**

3. If available, a breakdown of the form in which paracetamol was prescribed (e.g., tablets, capsules, liquid suspension, etc.) and associated costs for each form.

**2022/23**

**Tablets £9121**

**Capsules £72**

**Suspension £17,477**

**Suppositories £1117**

**Infusion £32,861**

**2023/24**

**Tablets £11,448**

**Capsules £8**

**Suspension £18,788**

**Suppositories £1374**

**Infusion £31,330**

**2024/25**

**Tablets £9109**

**Capsules £1**

**Suspension £35,997**

**Suppositories £806**

**Infusion £37,962**

4. What are the specific conditions which qualify a patient to be prescribed paracetamol or ibuprofen? Or what is your general policy for qualifying a prescription for paracetamol or ibuprofen?

**Pain relief and pyrexia, planned surgery and post natal encouraged to source their own supply.**