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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2658

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the procurement of tablets at Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. PARACETAMOL

Which suppliers did you buy paracetamol from?

How many packets of paracetamol did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of paracetamol did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

***How much did you pay each supplier for paracetamol?**

***How much did you spend on paracetamol in total?**

****How many prescriptions in total did you make for paracetamol?**

****How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?**

*****How much money were you paid by patients for paracetamol?**

2. IBUPROFEN

Which suppliers did you buy ibuprofen from?

How many packets of ibuprofen did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of ibuprofen did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

***How much did you pay each supplier for ibuprofen?**

***How much did you spend on ibuprofen in total?**

****How many prescriptions in total did you make for ibuprofen?**

****How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?**

*****How much money were you paid by patients for ibuprofen?**

3. ASPIRIN

Which suppliers did you buy aspirin from?

How many packets of aspirin did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of aspirin did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

***How much did you pay each supplier for aspirin?**

***How much did you spend on aspirin in total?**

****How many prescriptions in total did you make for aspirin?**

****How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?**

*****How much money were you paid by patients for aspirin?**

4. CODEINE PHOSPHATE

Which suppliers did you buy codeine phosphate from?

How many packets of codeine phosphate did you buy from each supplier? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

How many packets of codeine phosphate did you buy in total? Please disclose how many tablets were in the packets.

*How much did you pay each supplier for codeine phosphate?

*How much did you spend on codeine phosphate in total?

**How many prescriptions in total did you make for codeine phosphate?

**How many of these prescriptions were free for the patient?

***How much money were you paid by patients for codeine phosphate?

Please refer to the attached spread

**Please note the Trust is not allowed to disclose information with regards to prices it pays for medicines and deems this to be commercially sensitive and therefore applied an exemption under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.*

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***The Trust currently does not record data on prescription and therefore would not be able to provide the requested information.*

****The Trust did not receive any money from patients receiving the above medicine (all the above medicine were free for the patients).*

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Yours sincerely

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