

Date: **29 January 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5640**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

**Your Request and Our Response (in bold)**

**Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust.**

*What is your usage of sodium chloride 5% (10ml) units in the last 12 months?*  
**670units**

*How many units of ODM5 have you used in the last 12 months?* **0**

*Who have been your suppliers of sodium chloride 5% (10ml) units during the past 12 months?* **AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd**

*What price does your trust pay for Sodium Chloride 5% (10ml units)?* **The trust is withholding this information. Please see note below\*\***

**Please note: \*\*Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust is unable to respond to your request for information. The Trust is able to withhold information where it believes that disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority (the "Trust") holding it. We have conducted a public interest test to consider the grounds for exempting to see whether it outweighs the balance of the public interest to withhold the information under Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.**

**The Trust is of the view that disclosure of information would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of both the Trust and third party where there is a 50% chance that disclosure of costs could prejudice the Trust's commercial interests when negotiating contracts for products, which could, potentially breach the contract that we currently hold with our supplier. The Trust also needs to respect third party commercially sensitive information leading up to the tendering process.**

**The Trust acknowledges that disclosure of information would demonstrate a willingness to be transparent and possible costs sustained by the Trust as a publicly funded body. However, we do believe in maintaining fairness of the tendering process where disclosure of costs could, potentially, lead to the public from benefiting in the competitive market place. Your request is therefore exempt under Section 43(2) (Prejudice to Commercial Interests) of the FOIA.**

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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**[Enclosed – Your rights – see next page]**

### **Your Rights**

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team  
Great Ormond Street Hospital  
LONDON  
WC1N 3JH

If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

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