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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to mouthwash usage.

- 1. Please advise the estimated number of beds at your hospital(s)*
- 2. Please advise the estimated number of patients treated annually at your hospital(s)*
- 3. Please advise the estimated number of patients receiving chemotherapy at your hospital(s) each year*
- 4. What is the preferred mouthwash product prescribed to patients for oral mucositis treatment or prevention?*
- 5. What is the estimated annual spend on mouthwash?*
- 6. What is the estimated annual number units of mouthwash prescribed?*

1. Not an estimate, the current bedstock has 730 Core General & Acute Beds open overnight across Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospitals + 52 Maternity Beds +5 Maternity at Crowborough + 9 private
2. The total number of patient discharges in 2015/16 were 132,270, 985 of which were private, so the total minus private was 131,285
The total number of patient discharges in 2016/17 to end of Feb 2017 were 128,475, 1,122 of which were private, so the total minus private was 127,335. This is 11 months in the current financial year, so if this is divided by 11 and times 12 to give an estimate for the year it would be:
140,135 total patient discharges, 1,224 of which would be private, giving a total without private of 138,911
3. For year from 1/3/2016 2165 NHS, 72 private and 1 overseas visitor – so 2238 in total.
4. Having checked with the pharmacists we do not believe that there is a set standard for this, they will dispense what is on the prescription. However we believe that Biotene is the one that will be used in this setting.
5. As the Trust uses one brand the information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 43 as its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).
6. 147 bottles dispensed Mar 15-Feb16