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19th September 2016,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 24th August 2016, with regards to anti-depressants.

Request/**Response**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1) The number of children (under 18) who have been prescribed anti-depressants in the areas covered by the CCG(s) you administer in the past three complete financial years (i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16).
- 2) I would like this information broken down by single year of age, gender, and type of drug prescribed. I would also like the total number for each year across all ages, genders and drug types.

The data is not presented in the preferred layout of the FOI, due to small numbers involved the data cannot be presented by the breakdown of gender, year of age and drug group. While we could note it with the <5 category as suggested, where a total is provided alongside such small groupings the total sum and detailed breakdown would easily lead to the identification of the values behind a sum <5. Therefore for this reason we have given total numbers and an age group breakdown only, all other categories would present small numbers and therefore cannot be shared.

Please note the caveat relating to Liverpool CCG data for the drugs included below.

Although these are the number of patients prescribed antidepressants, because these drugs can be used for a wide range of conditions including pain and bedwetting numbers should not be used to infer the number of patients with depression.

2013/14 Data

	Total	Age Group			
		0-10	11-15	16	17
Total Patients	179	6	39	44	90
Total male	25				
Total Female	154				
Total TCA	66				
Total Other Antidepressant drugs	8				
MAOI	0				
Compound antidepressant drugs (SSRI)	105				

2014/15 Data

	Total	Age Group			
		0-10	11-15	16	17
Total Patients	221	6	47	60	108
Total male	24				
Total Female	197				
Total TCA	78				
Total Other Antidepressant drugs	10				
MAOI	0				
Compound antidepressant drugs (SSRI)	133				

2015/16 Data

	Total	Age Group			
		0-10	11-15	16	17
Total Patients	250	11	60	55	124
Total male	27				
Total Female	223				
Total TCA	91				
Total Other Antidepressant drugs	8				
MAOI	0				
Compound antidepressant drugs (SSRI)	151				

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Relations Lead
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