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Internal Reference: 260609
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **04/06/2026**.
We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to the supply disruption affecting prescription co-codamol, particularly 30mg/500mg tablets and capsules.

1. Current Stock and Usage

- What is the current stock level of co-codamol in 30mg/500mg tablets held by your Trust (by number of tablets/capsules and number of packs)?
- What is your Trust's monthly dispensing or usage volume of co-codamol 30mg/500mg since March 2025 to present?

2. Supply Disruption and Patient Impact

- Has your Trust experienced any disruption to the supply of co-codamol 30mg/500mg in the past three years (2022–2025)? If yes, please provide: the date(s) the disruption was first encountered, the approximate duration, and which formulations were affected.
- Has the supply disruption required your Trust to switch patients to alternative analgesics? If yes, please state which alternatives were prescribed and the number of patients affected.



- Has your Trust raised any formal incident reports internally or with NHS England/NHS Supply Chain as a result of this supply issue? If yes, how many in the past 12 months?

3. Stockpiling and Contingency

- Does your Trust hold a formal contingency or safety stock policy for co-codamol 30mg/500mg? If yes, please provide the minimum stock threshold.
- Has your Trust increased stock levels of surgical sutures as a precautionary measure in the past 12 months?
- If yes, by how many units did you increase stock levels?

Formal Response

This request is not applicable to the Trust as co-codamol in 30mg/500mg is not a medicine stocked by the Trust.

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:



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

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

