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Internal Reference: 260830
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **17/08/2026**.
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

Could you please provide the following information for the most recent complete 12-month period for which data is available (please state the period covered):

For each of the following three medicines:

1. Sodium Benzoate tablets/capsules 500mg
2. Carglumic Acid 100mg powder for oral suspension
3. Mepacrine 100mg tablets

Please could you confirm, for each medicine individually:

1. Formulary status – is the medicine included on the Trust's formulary, and if so, under what indication(s) or restrictions (e.g. specialist initiation only)? If not on formulary, please confirm this and how such requests are normally managed (e.g. individual funding request, non-formulary approval process).



2. Volume used – the total quantity used or dispensed over the 12-month period, in tablets/capsules or packs (whichever is more readily available from your records). Please specify which unit you are reporting in.

3. Source of supply – whether each medicine is procured as an unlicensed "special," and if so, the name of the wholesaler, importer, or specials manufacturer used, or whether it is sourced via a standard NHS pharmaceutical wholesaler.

4. Total expenditure – the total amount spent by the Trust on each medicine over the same 12-month period.

If it would be easier for you to provide this information in the form of a spreadsheet or extract from your pharmacy stock control/procurement system, this would be very welcome and would satisfy this request.

Formal Response

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust does not use, procure, dispense, or hold records relating to the medicines listed in your request. Accordingly, the Trust does not hold the requested information regarding formulary status, usage volumes, source of supply, or expenditure for these medicines.

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



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