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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 6th January 2020. Your request sought information relating to Viscosupplements.

1. **Does your organisation use/perform Viscosupplementation injections?**
Yes
2. **If so, how much did your organisation spend on Viscosupplementation between the period of 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019?**
£28,414.24
3. **If your organisation used Viscosupplementation between the period 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019, which brand(s) Viscosupplement did you use?**
Durolane, Synvisc, Monovisc and Ostenil Plus
4. **How many units of each brand of Viscosupplement did you use?**
Total units - 154

The number of units per brand is withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.



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To provide the number of units per brand could essentially, along with the other information provided lead to the ability to work out (an approximate figure could be obtained) of the cost per unit. Whilst the Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. The Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It is therefore decided that it is not in the publics' interest to disclose this information

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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