

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 April 2023.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1) How many patients at your trust have been supplied medicines approved through the Early Access to Medicines Scheme (EAMS) each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

2014/15	0 patients
2015/16	0 patients
2016/17	0 patients
2017/18	0 patients
2018/19	0 patients
2019/20	0 patients
2020/21	29 patients (all for REMDESIVIR for covid)
2021/22	0 patients
2022/23	0 patients

- 2) How many requests has your trust made to pharmaceutical companies for access to medicines offered through a company-led 'compassionate use' or 'free of charge' scheme each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

We can give the number of patients receiving compassionate use or free of charge scheme medicines.

2014/15	0 patients
2015/16	6 patients
2016/17	14 patients
2017/18	12 patients
2018/19	14 patients
2019/20	6 patients
2020/21	2 patients
2021/22	4 patients
2022/23	9 patients

How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

We do not hold information on whether the compassionate use drug was unlicensed at the time of issue.

- 3) How many requests have clinicians at your trust submitted to pharmaceutical companies for access to an unlicensed medicine to treat patients each year between April 2014 and April 2023, outside of a company-led scheme?

Clinicians are not required to submit requests to pharmaceutical companies for access to unlicensed medicines.

How many patients have received treatment with unlicensed medicines obtained this way each year between April 2014 and April 2023?

2014/15	1,095 patients
2015/16	922 patients
2016/17	859 patients
2017/18	791 patients
2018/19	923 patients
2019/20	1,011 patients
2020/21	997 patients
2021/22	1,121 patients
2022/23	1,145 patients

The figures for patients receiving unlicensed drugs includes pre-made chemotherapy that we purchase from outsourced suppliers as this is classed as unlicensed.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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