

Freedom of Information request 242-19

Request

On 13 March 2019, Dr Tim Patterson told the Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee:

"we currently spend about £25m in primary care prescribing and £10m in secondary care prescribing...which has gone up by 42% in the past four years."

What percentage of these totals (£25 m in primary care and £10 m in secondary care) is spent on statin medication and on diabetes-related medication?

Could you also give a breakdown, please, of expenditure on the specific diabetes-related medications involved? eg insulin, metformin etc.

Response

Please find below data as per request:

	Primary	£24,134,794						
	Secondary	£7,522,990						
		Diabetic Diagnostic & Monitoring Agents	Insulins	Other Antidiabetic Drugs	Sulfonylureas	Treatment of Hypo-glycaemia	Lipid Regulating Drugs	
Primary Care	Biguanides (Metformin)	£162,291.77	£458,922.46	£851,748.15	£515,351.41	£58,973.96	£14,441.14	£382,434.04
Secondary Care		£935.81	£695.19	£31,444.29	£7,289.00	£565.25	£3,340.20	£2,525.56
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Primary Care		0.67%	1.90%	3.50%	2.10%	0.20%	0.10%	1.60%
Secondary Care		0.01%	0.01%	0.42%	0.10%	0.01%	0.04%	0.03%

Note: Shows values from most recent financial year 2018/19. Percentages are calculated against actual totals, detailed at the top of response.

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