

## Freedom of Information request 248-23

### Request

1. For 2021/2022 what was the expenditure on primary care and secondary care prescribing?
2. For both primary care and secondary care, how much of this expenditure was on statin and other lipid-lowering medication and on diabetes-related medication?
3. Could you please give a breakdown of expenditure on the specific diabetes-related medications involved? e.g. insulin, metformin etc.

This is a follow-up to my previous successful requests for expenditure on the same items for 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021

### Response

1. The expenditure in 2021/22 on prescribing was:
  - Primary Care £24,603,882
  - Secondary Care £15,686,433
2. The percentage of the total expenditure shown in Question 1 that was on statin and other lipid-lowering medication and on diabetes-related medication is:

	Primary Care	Secondary Care
<b>Biguanides</b>	0.83%	0.01%
<b>Diabetic Diagnostic and Monitoring Agent</b>	1.28%	0.00%
<b>Insulin</b>	3.56%	0.18%
<b>Lipid-Regulating Drugs</b>	1.42%	0.12%
<b>Other Antidiabetic Drugs</b>	3.15%	0.07%
<b>Sulfonylureas</b>	0.22%	0.00%
<b>Treatment of Hypoglycaemia</b>	0.06%	0.03%

3. The expenditure on the specific diabetes-related medications is:

	Primary Care	Secondary Care
<b>Biguanides</b>	£ 204,353.58	£ 1,101.61
<b>Diabetic Diagnostic and Monitoring Agent</b>	£ 314,807.77	£ 58.79
<b>Insulin</b>	£ 876,806.82	£ 27,769.65

<b>Lipid-Regulating Drugs</b>	£	349,701.16	£	18,736.18
<b>Other Antidiabetic Drugs</b>	£	776,042.88	£	11,747.95
<b>Sulfonylureas</b>	£	55,353.40	£	283.08
<b>Treatment of Hypoglycaemia</b>	£	13,703.39	£	4,067.33

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **248-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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