

Access to Public Information Response

25 September 2020

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on 30 August 2020:

I wish to know how many prescription items were dispensed for the following drugs in 2019. I would also like to know the associated costs to the health service of the drugs prescribed. :

Chronic Pain (Inclusive of Opioids):

- * Buprenorphine patches
- * Fentanyl patches
- * Oxycodone caps
- * Oxycodone tabs + MR tabs
- * Oxycodone + naloxone (Targinact)
- * Tramadol caps + MR Caps
- * Pregabalin
- * Gabapentin (for pain)

Intractable nausea and vomiting

- * Ondansetron

Spasticity

- * Baclofen
- * Benzos: ie Diazepam, Clonazepam

Anxiety

- * SSRI's (eg Sertraline, Fluoxetine)
- * SNRI's (eg Venlafaxine, duloxetine)
- * Pregabalin
- * Benzos: ie Diazepam, Lorazepam

Sleeping

- * zolpidem
- * zopiclone

States of Guernsey response sent on 25 September 2020:

The data for Guernsey and Alderney can be found in the tables below. When viewing this data please note:

- The data includes all dispensing of the drugs in question in Guernsey and in Alderney in the calendar year 2019. We don't have a record of how many were prescribed but not dispensed.

- The system does not divide Primary Care i.e. GP Prescribing from CAMHS, MSG, Mental Health, Visiting Consultants etc, easily so the data can only be provided as one figure per drug.
- The figures for fentanyl and buprenorphine are for all presentations of these drugs. There are 20 plus buprenorphine products, about half of which are for patches. Separating the number of patches dispensed from the other products is too complex.
- Finally if the drug is not listed this means that the dispensing was zero in 2019.

ALDERNEY DATA

BNF Sub Paragraph plus Code	BNF Chemical Substance plus Code	Alderney Items 2019	Alderney Total Drug Costs £
Hypnotics (0401010)	Zolpidem tartrate (0401010Y0)	92	118
Hypnotics (0401010)	Zopiclone (0401010Z0)	463	514
Anxiolytics (0401020)	Diazepam (0401020K0)	289	319
Anxiolytics (0401020)	Lorazepam (0401020P0)	71	477
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Amitriptyline hydrochloride (0403010B0)	760	1,255
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Doxepin (0403010L0)	2	251
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Imipramine hydrochloride (0403010N0)	3	4
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Lofepramine hydrochloride (0403010R0)	13	341
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Nortriptyline (0403010V0)	34	232
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Trazodone hydrochloride (0403010X0)	12	37
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Citalopram hydrobromide (0403030D0)	1044	1,008
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Fluoxetine hydrochloride (0403030E0)	113	335
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Paroxetine hydrochloride (0403030P0)	72	448
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Sertraline hydrochloride (0403030Q0)	297	444

BNF Sub Paragraph plus Code	BNF Chemical Substance plus Code	Alderney Items 2019	Alderney Total Drug Costs £
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Venlafaxine (0403040W0)	214	1,630
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Mirtazapine (0403040X0)	204	371
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Duloxetine hydrochloride (0403040Y0)	150	403
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Tramadol hydrochloride (040702040)	246	743
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Fentanyl (0407020A0)	147	4,297
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Oxycodone hydrochloride (0407020AD)	40	729
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Buprenorphine (0407020B0)	140	3,965
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Codeine phosphate (0407020C0)	106	239
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Dihydrocodeine tartrate (0407020G0)	18	256
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Diamorphine hydrochloride (Systemic) (0407020K0)	4	99
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Morphine sulfate (0407020Q0)	246	2,212
Control of epilepsy (0408010)	Clonazepam (0408010F0)	66	834
Control of epilepsy (0408010)	Gabapentin (0408010G0)	344	1,265
Treatment for spasticity	Baclofen	647	2,000
Drugs used in nausea and vertigo	Ondansetron	692	23,496

GUERNSEY DATA

BNF Sub Paragraph plus Code	Chemical Substance	Guernsey Total Items 2019	Guernsey Total Drug Costs £
Hypnotics (0401010)	Zolpidem tartrate (0401010Y0)	2,600	2,826
Hypnotics (0401010)	Zopiclone (0401010Z0)	6,747	6,824
Anxiolytics (0401020)	Diazepam (0401020K0)	9,369	11,383
Anxiolytics (0401020)	Lorazepam (0401020P0)	1,633	6,733
Anxiolytics (0401020)	Oxazepam (0401020T0)	15	104
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Amitriptyline hydrochloride (0403010B0)	15,386	31,437
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Clomipramine hydrochloride (0403010F0)	409	3,303
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Dosulepin hydrochloride (0403010J0)	1,393	13,504
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Doxepin (0403010L0)	81	23,212
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Imipramine hydrochloride (0403010N0)	97	299
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Lofepramine hydrochloride (0403010R0)	187	4,369
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Nortriptyline (0403010V0)	1,256	5,865
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Trazodone hydrochloride (0403010X0)	1,043	5,829
Tricyclic and related antidepressant drugs (0403010)	Trimipramine maleate (0403010Y0)	22	7,104
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Citalopram hydrobromide (0403030D0)	19,986	20,609
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Fluoxetine hydrochloride (0403030E0)	10,529	19,013
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Fluvoxamine maleate (0403030L0)	6	78

BNF Sub Paragraph plus Code	Chemical Substance	Guernsey Total Items 2019	Guernsey Total Drug Costs £
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Paroxetine hydrochloride (0403030P0)	3,306	8,874
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Sertraline hydrochloride (0403030Q0)	24,189	38,484
Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (0403030)	Citalopram hydrochloride (0403030Z0)	82	1,189
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Flupentixol hydrochloride (0403040F0)	176	504
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Venlafaxine (0403040W0)	11,175	78,566
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Mirtazapine (0403040X0)	11,408	22,346
Other antidepressant drugs (0403040)	Duloxetine hydrochloride (0403040Y0)	2,064	6,271
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Tramadol hydrochloride (040702040)	3,518	19,517
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Fentanyl (0407020A0)	1,922	86,855
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Oxycodone hydrochloride (0407020AD)	902	27,333
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Buprenorphine (0407020B0)	1,276	36,851
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Codeine phosphate (0407020C0)	2,176	6,514
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Dihydrocodeine tartrate (0407020G0)	2,430	36,631
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Diamorphine hydrochloride (Systemic) (0407020K0)	505	12,599
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Meptazinol hydrochloride (0407020L0)	16	630
Opioid analgesics (0407020)	Morphine sulfate (0407020Q0)	3,565	27,786
Control of epilepsy (0408010)	Clobazam (040801060)	150	1,437
Control of epilepsy (0408010)	Gabapentin (0408010G0)	7,739	37,979
Treatment for spasticity	Baclofen	692	23,496
Drugs used in nausea and vertigo	Ondansetron	647	2,000