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REQUEST

1. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total spend on opioid analgesic prescription painkillers for patients currently on a waiting list in your trust awaiting surgery for a joint replacement?
2. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of individuals on a waiting list in your trust who are being prescribed opiate painkillers of all prescription types to manage their pain?
3. For each calendar year from 2015, how many individuals are currently on a waiting list within your trust who have been prescribed opioid medications to help manage their pain?
4. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total cost of opioid medicines being prescribed to patients by GPs in your trust?
5. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of people that are currently being prescribed opiate medicines by GPs in your trust?

RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.