

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_22_19

You asked:

Could you please provide the following information for each of last five financial years (2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18), breaking each down by year and by the type of medication:

1. The number of prescriptions for Movicol or other laxative or continence medicines for constipation given to children aged 16 or under.

We are unable to provide you with this information. Within both primary care and secondary care, they are unable to differentiate prescriptions by age of patient, so do not have the relevant information on record.

To aid and assist, the only information we can possibly provide is the total amount of Movicol supplied to paediatric wards and clinics but again no relation to patient numbers or under 16 years.

2. The number of patients aged 16 or under who have received a prescription for Movicol or other laxative or continence medicines for constipation.

As above, the data base used does not differentiate by age so we could not get this information.

3. The total cost for these prescriptions for each of these years.

As explained in the previous questions, we are unable to provide this information.

4. The number of patients under the age of 16 who have been admitted to a hospital in your health board area for constipation or continence problems (not incontinence problems) in each of these years, broken down by each year.

Please see table below which shows inpatient Episodes with a Primary Diagnosis of Constipation/Urinary Retention:

All Episodes	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18
Constipation	545	525	535	599	702
Retention of urine	229	195	213	203	220

Aged <16 at Admission	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18
Constipation	175	169	181	236	240
Retention of urine	7	4	1	5	6