

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_209_19

You asked:

Disclaimer: All data prior to 1st April 2019 is for Cwm Taf Health Board. Data for 2019 (Jan-Apr) includes data for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board which came into effect from 1st April 2019 and includes the Bridgend locality for that month.

1) How much has it cost your NHS region in the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and to date of 2019 to issue prescriptions as a whole?

Entity	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Jan-Apr)
Primary Care (WP10)	£59,332,569	£60,684,650	£59,109,701	£21,835,934
WP10HP	£3,181,019	£4,138,812	£4,804,757	£1,828,684

Data provided is for primary care and WP10HPs. The costs provided are for the drug costs and do not include the costs incurred.

2) What are the top ten items prescribed in the above years?

Data below is for WP10 and WP10HP combined. The top 10 items are based on number of items, not on cost of items.

2016	2017
Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg	Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg
Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg	Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg
Amlodipine_Tab 5mg	Amlodipine_Tab 5mg
Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)	Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)
Paracet_Tab 500mg	Paracet_Tab 500mg
Simvastatin_Tab 40mg	Lansoprazole_Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)
Lansoprazole_Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)	Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg
Simvastatin_Tab 20mg	Simvastatin_Tab 40mg
Bendroflumethiazide_Tab 2.5mg	Simvastatin_Tab 20mg
Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg	Lansoprazole_Cap 30mg (e/c Gran)
2018	2019 (Jan-Apr)
Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg	Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg
Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg	Amlodipine_Tab 5mg
Amlodipine_Tab 5mg	Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg
Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)	Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg
Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg	Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)
Lansoprazole_Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)	Lansoprazole_Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)
Paracet_Tab 500mg	Paracet_Tab 500mg
Simvastatin_Tab 40mg	Lansoprazole_Cap 30mg (e/c Gran)
Lansoprazole_Cap 30mg (e/c Gran)	Simvastatin_Tab 40mg
Simvastatin_Tab 20mg	Amlodipine_Tab 10mg

3) How many prescriptions have been issued for Aspirin or Paracetamol in the above years?

Paracetamol				
Entity	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Jan-Apr)
WP10	152,712	144,649	138,799	50,398
WP10HP	284	205	237	90
Aspirin				
Entity	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Jan-Apr)
WP10	218,592	204,172	190,881	66,692
WP10HP	269	370	542	196

This data is for the number of items issued on WP10 and WP10HP. This does not include combination products such as co-codamol etc.

4) What is the total cost of prescribing Aspirin and Paracetamol alone in the above years.

Paracetamol				
Entity	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Jan-Apr)
WP10	£439,376.61	£383,902.61	£273,736.65	£115,648.36
WP10HP	£1,689.25	£935.56	£1,618.71	£713.73
Aspirin				
Entity	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Jan-Apr)
WP10	£165,545.20	£142,811.49	£97,483.85	£39,645.54
WP10HP	£395.51	£502.57	£760.63	£314.45

This only includes the drug costs and no combination products for WP10 and WP10HP prescriptions.