

## Data for April 2018

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the NHS Business Services Authority. This is because, at the time of processing your request, April 2018 had not yet ended and therefore the data was not yet available.

## Data for April 2017 – March 2018

A copy of the information is attached. There is a column for each month, showing the volume sold.

NHS Supply Chain holds information on its systems to enable monitoring of all products bought and sold by the business. The information is collected during the tender stage and throughout the lifetime of the Framework Agreement and is used to generate NHS Supply Chain's electronic catalogue; manage stock inventory; monitor sales activity and customer demand.

This request was sent to our Business Performance team who extracted the information from Microsoft Access databases, which hold information on all products sold by NHS Supply Chain. The results were obtained from a combination of our PRDB (Product Database) and TRDB (Transaction Database), and saved as a Microsoft Excel spread sheet. The criteria of the query focused on the specific NPCs sold during the financial period specified in the original request. These are figures for products sold into the NHS by NHS Supply Chain but that the NHS Trusts may also purchase from other sources.

An explanation of any terms that are not in common use:-

Period	April 2017 to March 2018
NPC	National Product Code. A unique reference allocated by NHS Supply Chain for each product held.
UOI	Unit of issue – The case size sold by NHSSC
Base Description	Main Description of the product.
Secondary Description	More in depth description of the product

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