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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 22 September. You wrote:

I am currently conducting an academic study on the evolution of semaglutide consumption across European countries.

I would like to request annual data for semaglutide (ATC A10BJ06) for United Kingdom/England, for the period 2019 to 2025, where available.

In particular, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- * annual consumption or sales volume of semaglutide;*
- * total annual consumption expressed in Defined Daily Doses (DDD);*
- * annual consumption expressed as DDD per 1,000 inhabitants per day (DDD/1,000 inhabitants/day; DDD/DID);*
- * where available, the physical volume sold or dispensed, such as number of tablets, pens/injections, packs, or total quantity of active substance.*

If possible, I would also appreciate the data being distinguished by presentation, including:

- * oral versus parenteral semaglutide;*
- * product/brand where available;*
- * strength and pharmaceutical presentation;*
- * quantity of active substance or number of units dispensed/sold.*

For interpretation and comparison with other European datasets, I would also be grateful if you could clarify:

- * whether the data cover England only or the whole United Kingdom;*
- * whether they include only NHS-funded prescriptions/dispensing or also private/self-pay sales;*
- * whether they include only community/primary care or also hospital/secondary care;*
- * the population denominator used to calculate DDD/1,000 inhabitants/day;*
- * the methodology and WHO DDD values used for semaglutide, particularly the*

distinction between oral and parenteral formulations.

If annual DDD/DHD values are not directly available, aggregated annual sales or dispensing quantities by presentation would also be extremely useful, as I can calculate the DDD and DHD values for the academic analysis.

I am only requesting aggregated annual data, with no patient-level information.

If these data are already available through an official database, report or publication, I would also be grateful if you could indicate the relevant source.

MHRA Response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested is not held by this Agency.

Although we grant marketing authorisations and licence new medicines, we do not hold information on the volume of manufactured medicines in the UK.

For volumes of manufactured medicines, we suggest that you contact the Association of The British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) who may hold the data.

<http://www.abpi.org.uk>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

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