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Dear [Redacted]

EIR 24/210

Thank you for your email dated 29th February 2024, where you requested “any data held by MHRA which would help to identify quantities of medicines being used within the purple area on the map, for each calendar year 2020 to 2023.”

We have dealt with your request under the Environmental Information Regulations; however, under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, we advise that the MHRA does not hold this information. The information could only be obtained by designing and running a Research Data Governance approved study of the CPRD database and undertaking further analysis to identify the numbers involved. The legislation does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

However, you may find the information at the following link useful. Please note that the page is managed by NHSBSA:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/medicines-dispensed-in-primary-care-nhsbsa-data>

Yours sincerely,

FOI/ EIR Team,
Safety and Surveillance Group

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