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Requested

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?

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

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

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

Response:

1. The table below provides Hywel Dda University Health Board's (UHB) total prescription costs for the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 calendar years, broken down into primary care and secondary care prescriptions.

Year	Primary Care	Year	Secondary Care
2016	£75,692,523.92	2016	£33,945,997.80
2017	£77,320,074.82	2017	£33,805,631.77
2018	£74,918,762.11	2018	£37,935,306.36
2019 (Jan-Apr)	£24,489,917.97	2019 (Jan-Jun)	£19,495,309.17

2. The tables below provides the top 10 prescribed medications issued in the requested timeframe broken down into primary and secondary care.

2016 prescriptions	Primary Care	Secondary Care
1	Rivaroxaban_Tab 20mg	Ranibizumab Injection 10mg In 1ml
2	Apixaban_Tab 5mg	Aflibercept Injection 40mg In 1ml
3	Prostap 3_Dcs Inj 11.25mg Dil + Pfs	Ibrutinib (Home Delivery) Capsules 140mg
4	Linagliptin_Tab 5mg	Etanercept (Benepali) (Home Delivery) Sub-Cutaneous Injection 50mg
5	Fostair_Inh 100mcg/6mcg (120d) Cff	Lenalidomide Capsules 10mg
6	Sitagliptin_Tab 100mg	Adalimumab (Home Delivery) (Humira) Injection 40mg
7	Incruse Ellipta_Inh 55mcg (30d)	Pembrolizumab patient specific
8	Apixaban_Tab 2.5mg	Ipilimumab Intra-Venous Infusion 200mg

9	Ins Lantus Solostar 100u/ml 3ml Pf Pen	Lenalidomide Capsules 25mg
10	Sirdupla_Inh 250mcg/25mcg (120d)	Nivolumab patient specific infusion

2017 prescriptions	Primary Care	Secondary Care
1	Rivaroxaban_Tab 20mg	Ranibizumab Injection 10mg In 1ml
2	Prostap 3_Dcs Inj 11.25mg Dil + Pfs	Adalimumab (Home Delivery) (Humira) Injection 40mg
3	Tiotropium_Pdr For Inh Cap 18mcg	Aflibercept Injection 40mg In 1ml
4	Symbicort_Turbohaler 200mcg/6mcg (120 D)	Trastuzumab Sub- Cutaneous Injection 600mg In 5ml
5	Apixaban_Tab 5mg	Rituximab Intra-Venous Infusion 500mg In 50ml
6	Sitagliptin_Tab 100mg	Infliximab Intra-Venous Infusion 100mg
7	Linagliptin_Tab 5mg	Sofosbuvir /Velpatasvir 400mg /100mg Tablets
8	Ins Lantus Solostar_100u/ml 3ml Pf Pen	Etanercept (Benepali) (Home Delivery) Sub- Cutaneous Injection 50mg
9	Sirdupla_Inh 250mcg/25mcg (120d)	Rituximab Sub-Cutaneous Injection 120mg In 1ml
10	Fostair_Inh 100mcg/6mcg (120d) Cff	Lenalidomide Capsules 10mg

2018 prescriptions	Primary Care	Secondary Care
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2	Apixaban_Tab 5mg	Adalimumab (Home Delivery) (Humira) Injection 40mg
3	Prostap 3_Dcs Inj 11.25mg Dil + Pfs	Aflibercept Injection 40mg In 1ml
4	Linagliptin_Tab 5mg	Trastuzumab Sub- Cutaneous Injection 600mg In 5ml
5	Fostair_Inh 100mcg/6mcg (120d) Cff	Pembrolizumab Intra- Venous Infusion 50mg
6	Sitagliptin_Tab 100mg	Etanercept (Benepali) (Home Delivery) Sub- Cutaneous Injection 50mg
7	Incruse Ellipta_Inh 55mcg (30d)	Infliximab Intra-Venous Infusion 100mg
8	Apixaban_Tab 2.5mg	Nivolumab Injection 10mg In 1ml

9	Ins Lantus Solostar_100u/ml 3ml Pf Pen	Lenalidomide Capsules 25mg
10	Sirdupla_Inh 250mcg/25mcg (120d)	Ibrutinib (Home Delivery) Capsules 140mg

2019 prescriptions	Primary Care (Jan-Apr)	Secondary Care (Jan-Jun)
1	Rivaroxaban_Tab 20mg	Ranibizumab Injection 10mg In 1ml
2	Apixaban_Tab 5mg	Aflibercept Injection 40mg In 1ml
3	Prostap 3_Dcs Inj 11.25mg Dil + Pfs	Ibrutinib (Home Delivery) Capsules 140mg
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8	Apixaban_Tab 2.5mg	Ipilimumab Intra-Venous Infusion 200mg
9	Ins Lantus Solostar_100u/ml 3ml Pf Pen	Lenalidomide Capsules 25mg
10	Sirdupla_Inh 250mcg/25mcg (120d)	Nivolumab Patient Specific Infusion

3. & 4. The tables below provide the number of prescriptions/issues of Aspirin and Paracetamol and the cost of these for the requested timeframe broken down into primary and secondary care.

Primary Care

	Aspirin		Paracetamol	
	Prescriptions	Cost	Prescriptions	Cost
2016	272,723	£215,348.05	171,245	£475,071.83
2017	257,377	£186,558.65	162,037	£408,603.22
2018	239,184	£126,491.87	153,474	£297,886.48
2019 (Jan-Apr)	74,799	£44,383.42	49,653	£112,110.38

Secondary Care

	Aspirin		Paracetamol	
	Issues	Cost	Issues	Cost
2016	8,146	£3,296.07	26,848	£69,180.22

	2017	7,432	£4,142.30	25,550	£69,873.64	
	2018	7,314	£4,511.48	24,184	£73,462.60	
	2019 (Jan-Apr)	3,857	£2,045.22	11,100	£38,196.31	