

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**RF23-711**

### **Request:**

I require information relating to the Trusts decision to change prescriptions of Melatonin capsule 3mg to Melatonin tablets 3mg.

I was made aware by the Dispensing Manager at Kent and Canterbury Hospital Pharmacy that they received an email on or around 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 detailing the reasons behind this change. I request this email specifically. Or any other documentation of this nature.

### **Response:**

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) does hold the information you have requested.

Please see the attached email. Please note that this has been redacted in line with the data protection principles outlined in Section 40(2)(a) &(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to personal information.

There are no other recorded records on this as EKHUFT does not store information on individual changes in any sort of filing/indexing system.

However, we can inform you that the reason changes are made are generally because of the below:

1. A shortage of the original product, requiring an alternative
2. A change in licensing (we must use a licensed version over an unlicensed version)
3. Change in contract

**(DATE OF RESPONSE: 06 DECEMBER 2023)**