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**BY EMAIL**

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Our Ref: FOI 442

Your request for information was received on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to the number of items dispensed for each pharmacy in Northern Ireland.

Please find attached spread sheet as requested. Following consultation with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), General Practitioners Committee, Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety NI and the Health & Social Care Board it was agreed that in future this information will be routinely published on the BSO website.

As you are aware from our correspondence, the release of this information has been prolonged due to the consultation process with Community Pharmacy Northern Ireland, Ulster Chemists Association and the ICO

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Administrative Services Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

***Providing Support to Health and Social Care***



**Website:** [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**Phone:** 0303 123 1113

**Email:** [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

**Post:** Information Commissioner's Office, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

**David Bingham**  
Chief Executive