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Hi

Can we avoid starting our answer on a negative note? So instead of:-

It is not possible to get the number of prescriptions from our hospital pharmacy system for specific drugs so below are details of the total quantities issued/supplied. These figures include inpatient and outpatient use. The figures are monitored with any areas of concern examined further.

Could we say:-

The table below shows the quantities of opioid medicines dispensed in each year from the hospital pharmacy system. These figures include inpatient and outpatient use. Records are not kept in a way which records the number of prescriptions. The figures are regularly monitored (*by whom?*) with any areas of concern examined further.

I use the word "dispensed". Does that cover "issued/ supplied"?

Could also reference the full title of HIF to make the answer more intelligible for an uninformed reader.

Thanks

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