



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-354

Date: 12th October 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th October 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding respiratory medicine.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am researching the use of biologic products in respiratory medicine. Could you please provide answers to the following questions?

Q1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last four months with:

- **Benralizumab**
- **Dupilumab**
- **Omalizumab**
- **Reslizumab**
- **Mepolizumab**

A1 UHNM responded to this FOI on 6th September Ref 297-2122, this request is identical. In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

We advise you to check you records/junk email/spam folder.

A copy of your request is available at the following link: this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhn.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

Q2 Of the total patients treated in the last four months with any of the products listed in Q1, please can you provide the split of the number of patients in the following age groups?

- Age 6-11
- Age 12-17
- Age 18 and above

A2 As answer 1

Q3 How many patients have been treated in the last four months for asthma ONLY with?

- Dupilumab

A3 As answer 1

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

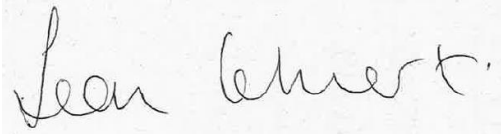
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager