



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-678

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding drugs.

As of 1st November 2014, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 have a freedom of information query regarding the use of Biologic medicines in Dermatology. Could you please answer the following two questions:

How many patients were treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

- Adalimumab - Humira
- Adalimumab Biosimilar
- Apremilast
- Bimekizumab
- Brodalumab
- Certolizumab
- Deucravacitinib
- Dimethyl fumarate
- Etanercept - Enbrel
- Etanercept Biosimilar
- Guselkumab
- Infliximab - Remicade
- Infliximab Biosimilar
- Ixekizumab
- Risankizumab
- Secukinumab
- Tildrakizumab
- Ustekinumab

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- Adalimumab – Humira - 6
- Adalimumab Biosimilar- 127
- Apremilast - <5
- Bimekizumab - 0
- Brodalumab - 0
- Certolizumab - 0
- Deucravacitinib - 0
- Dimethyl fumarate -0
- Etanercept – Enbrel - <5
- Etanercept Biosimilar - 0
- Guselkumab - 8
- Infliximab – Remicade - 0
- Infliximab Biosimilar - 0
- Ixekizumab - <5
- Risankizumab - 8
- Secukinumab - 35
- Tildrakizumab - 0
- Ustekinumab - 47

Q2 **How many patients were treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department for Psoriasis ONLY in the last three months with the following:**

- **Ciclosporin**
- **Methotrexate - any form and strength**
- **Methotrexate injections 15mg and above**

A2 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
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- Ciclosporin - 7
- Methotrexate - any form and strength - 21
- Methotrexate injections 15mg and above -<5

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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.

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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.

Yours,



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