



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-312

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding treatment of inflammatory diseases.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 am conducting analysis on drugs used to treat inflammatory diseases and kindly request your help.**

**I would be grateful if you could tell me how many patients were treated by individual drug for Crohn's Disease, ulcerative colitis, plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and rheumatoid arthritis in three months from the start of May 2023 to the end of July 2023 (or the latest available 3 months).**

**I have provided a grid of drug names and disease names requested in appendix A (below). Please fill in the grid with the numbers of patients (or forward in a format that best suits you) and include data for all hospitals in the organisation (question 1).**

**If data is unavailable for question 1 it would be helpful if you can provide the information at a department level (question 2).**

**A1** Diagnosis Information not held in Pharmacy stock control system so Question 2 answered. Any stock issues to ward are not held to patient level so are not included here.

Data shown for May 23 – July 23 inclusive.

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.*

Drug Name	Dermatology	Gastroenterology	Rheumatology
Adalimumab (Humira)	8	18	0
Adalimumab (Biosimilars)	117	263	0
Apremilast	9	0	0
Bimekizumab	0	0	0
Brodalumab	0	0	0
Certolizumab Pegol	<5	0	0
Deucravacitinib	0	0	0
Etanercept (Enbrel)	<5	0	0
Etanercept (Biosimilars)	0	0	0
Guselkumab	8	0	0
Infliximab (Remicade)	0	11	0
Infliximab (Biosimilars)	0	152	0
Ixekizumab	<5	0	0
Risankizumab	7	0	0
Secukinumab	33	0	0
Tildrakizumab	<5	0	0
Ustekinumab	52	161	0
Upadacitinib	<5	<5	0
Vedolizumab	34	0	0
Filgotinib	0	<5	0
Golimumab	0	0	0
Mirikizumab	0	0	0
Ozanimod	0	0	0
Tofacitinib	0	11	0
Abatacept	0	0	0
Baricitinib	5	0	0
Rituximab	0	0	0
Sarilumab	0	0	0
Tocilizumab	0	0	0

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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](http://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,



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