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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email 13th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Immunoglobulin drugs

On the same day we contacted you via email with the following.

To continue with your request we require clarification on the following-

what is meant by unique patient?

If a patient had the same brand issued to them in Oct, Nov & Dec would you want us to count them as 1 patient in Oct, Nov & Dec?

Also if a patient had 2 different brands in the same month would you want us to count them twice in that month? ie Once for brand A and once for brand B in the same month?

On 16th January 2025 you replied via email with.

'Thank you for reaching out for clarification regarding my FOI request.'

By "unique patient," I mean an individual patient who has received treatment during the specified months. If a patient received the same brand in {October}, {November}, and {December}, they should be counted as one unique patient for each month they received that brand.

If a patient received two different brands in the same month, they should be counted once for each different brand in that month. For example, if a patient received both brand A and brand B in {October}, they would be counted twice—once for brand A and once for brand B.'

Q1 I would like to submit an FOI request for the volume of Immunoglobulin distributed (purchased by the Trust) at your Trust each month for October, November, and December 2024, broken down by product (see below). If the volume by brand is not available, I would like to request the number of vials distributed by brand.

I would also like to request the number of unique patients per month by brand, if available:

- Vigam

- Flebogamma DIF
- Gammaplex
- Gamunex-C
- Octagam
- Kiovig
- Intratect
- Privigen
- Iqymune
- Gammanorm
- Subcuvia
- Subgam
- Hizentra
- Hyqvia
- Cuvitru
- Panzyga
- Xembify
- Cutaquig
- Yimmugo
- Vyvgart (Efgartigimod)

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.

Please refer to the tables below.

No. Vials Received at UHNM	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24
CUTAQUIG	0	72	24
CUVITRU	72	172	76
FLEBOGAMMADIF	0	20	<5
GAMMAPLEX	0	33	22
GAMUNEX	0	45	0
HIZENTRA	316	224	198
HYQVIA	<5	12	8
INTRATECT	40	93	45
KIOVIG	0	0	50
OCTAGAM	0	23	0
PRIVIGEN	90	191	182
SUBGAM	0	16	0

No. Unique Pts	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24
Vigam	0	0	0
Flebogamma DIF	<5	<5	<5

No. Unique Pts	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24
Gammaplex	7	5	7
Gamunex-C	<5	<5	<5
Octagam	<5	<5	<5
Kiovig	<5	<5	8
Intratect	11	6	11
Privigen	31	28	28
Iqymune	0	0	0
Gammanorm	0	0	0
Subcuvia	0	0	0
Subgam	0	<5	0
Hizentra	11	10	10
Hyqvia	<5	<5	<5
Cuvitru	7	14	6
Panzyga	0	0	0
Xembify	0	0	0
Cutaquig	0	<5	<5
Yimmugo	0	0	0
Vyvgart (Efgartigimod)	0	0	0

*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 relating to the response please 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.

Yours,



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