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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16th January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Gastro Biologics.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all individual health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all individual health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

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 have a Freedom of Information request for prescribing in Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis.

Could you please confirm for the last three months (October to December 2019 inclusive if possible) the total biologic caseload for Crohn's Disease, for each of the following treatments?

- Adalimumab [Amgevita]
- Adalimumab [Hulio]
- Adalimumab [Humira]
- Adalimumab [Hyrimoz]
- Adalimumab [Imraldi]
- Infliximab [Flixabi]
- Infliximab [Inflectra]
- Infliximab [Remicade]
- Infliximab [Remsima]

- Ustekinumab [Stelara]
- Vedolizumab [Entyvio]

A1 Section 12 and 14 exemptions as detailed above. In addition, any information would be inaccurate as medications are also given out in out-patient settings

Q2 Also, could you please confirm for the last three months (October to December 2019 inclusive if possible) the total biologic caseload for Ulcerative Colitis, for each of the following treatments?

- Adalimumab [Amgevita]
- Adalimumab [Hulio]
- Adalimumab [Humira]
- Adalimumab [Hyrimoz]
- Adalimumab [Imraldi]
- Golimumab [Simponi]
- Infliximab [Flixabi]
- Infliximab [Inflectra]
- Infliximab [Remicade]
- Infliximab [Remsima]
- Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]
- Ustekinumab [Stelara]
- Vedolizumab [Entyvio]

If you are unable to answer my questions with breakdown by specified conditions then please provide me with the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months (October to December 2019 inclusive if possible) with the above drugs, regardless of disease/indication

A2 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.

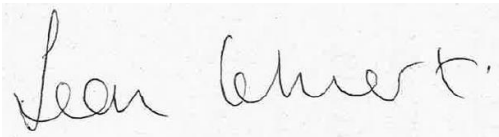
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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