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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Biologics and Biosimilar prescribing.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 regarding Biologics and Biosimilar prescribing. Could you please provide me with the following numbers of patients treated in the last 12 months (latest 12 months possible) with the following drugs regardless of disease?**

Number of patients treated	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>Abatacept (Orencia)</b>	
<b>Adalimumab (Biosimilar)</b>	
<b>Adalimumab (Humira)</b>	
<b>Apremilast (Otezla)</b>	
<b>Baricitinib (Olumiant)</b>	
<b>Brodalumab (Kyntheum)</b>	
<b>Certolizumab (Cimzia)</b>	
<b>Dimethyl Fumarate (Skilarence)</b>	
<b>Etanercept (Enbrel)</b>	
<b>Etanercept Biosimilar (Benepali or Erelzi)</b>	
<b>Golimumab (Simponi)</b>	
<b>Guselkumab (Tremfya)</b>	
<b>Infliximab (Remicade)</b>	
<b>Infliximab Biosimilar (Inflectra, Remsima or Flixabi)</b>	
<b>Ixekizumab (Taltz)</b>	
<b>Rituximab (Mabthera)</b>	
<b>Rituximab Biosimilar (Rixathon or Truxima)</b>	
<b>Sarilumab (Kevara)</b>	
<b>Secukinumab (Cosentyx)</b>	

Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri)	
Tocilizumab (Ro Actemra)	
Tofacitinib (Xeljanz)	
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	
Vedolizumab (Entyvio)	

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, please see below:

Number of patients treated	Total
TOTAL	0
Abatacept (Orencia)	0
Adalimumab (Biosimilar)	0
Adalimumab (Humira)	352
Apremilast (Otezla)	30
Baricitinib (Olumiant)	0
Brodalumab (Kyntheum)	0
Certolizumab (Cimzia)	0
Dimethyl Fumarate (Skilarence)	Less than 5
Etanercept (Enbrel)	Less than 5
Etanercept Biosimilar (Benepali or Erelzi)	Less than 5
Golimumab (Simponi)	Less than 5
Guselkumab (Tremfya)	0
Infliximab (Remicade)	39
Infliximab Biosimilar (Inflectra, Remsima or Flixabi)	104
Ixekizumab (Taltz)	Less than 5
Rituximab (Mabthera)	128
Rituximab Biosimilar (Rixathon or Truxima)	153
Sarilumab (Kevara)	0
Secukinumab (Cosentyx)	35
Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri)	0
Tocilizumab (Ro Actemra)	Less than 5
Tofacitinib (Xeljanz)	0
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	87
Vedolizumab (Entyvio)	48

\*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.

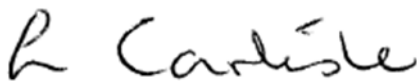
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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