



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-806

Date: 21st May 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your emails dated 19th February 2024 and 23rd February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Dermatology Consultant Doctors and Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)

We responded via email with the following:

UHNM has received several requests that are asking for similar information that are from the same person/company, therefore we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests Dermatology Consultant Doctors who manage patients with hidradenitis suppurativa and hidradenitis suppurativa

Your new reference number for **both is 806-2324**

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

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.

Request #1

Q1 Please provide a list of the names of Dermatology Consultant Doctors who manage patients with hidradenitis suppurativa (HS).

A1 See below:

Consultants – Manju Paul*, Luke Brindley*

SAS Doctors – Alvin Wong*, Laura William*s, Lamis Sharaf*, Chalani Amarasena*

*Please note that any individuals identified **do not** give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing

Request #2

Q1 How many patients does the trust have with a recorded diagnosis of Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)

A1 Our EPR system does not record/identify patients with specific long-term conditions, therefore:

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 question is not held centrally but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all 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 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*

Q2. Of these patients, how many have been treated with each of the following advanced biologics in the last 6 months?

Advanced Biologic	Number of HS patients treated in the last 6 months
Adalimumab	
Infliximab	
Secukinumab	
Ustekinumab	
Other advanced biologic/s – <i>please specify name/s:</i>	

A2 See below:

Advanced Biologic	Number of HS patients treated in the last 6 months
Adalimumab	6
Infliximab	0
Secukinumab	0
Ustekinumab	0
Other advanced biologic/s – <i>please specify name/s:</i>	0

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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

Yours,



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