

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-311

Date: 30th September 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th September 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Biologic drugs.

As of 1st 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 have a FOI request related to the usage of Biologic drugs.

A. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs?

- **Adalimumab - Humira**
- **Adalimumab Biosimilar**
- **Filgotinib**
- **Golimumab**
- **Infliximab - Remicade**
- **Infliximab Biosimilar**
- **Tofacitinib**
- **Ustekinumab**
- **Vedolizumab**

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.

Data shows number of patients receiving medication between June 21 and August 21 (inclusive) for Gastroenterology

Adalimumab - Humira	16
Adalimumab	266

Biosimilar	
Golimumab	<5
Infliximab - Remicade	6
Infliximab Biosimilar	93
Tofacitinib	7
Ustekinumab	108
Vedolizumab	37

Q2 How many patients were treated in the last 3 months for Crohn's Disease ONLY with the following biologic drugs?

- **Adalimumab - Humira**
- **Adalimumab Biosimilar**
- **Golimumab**
- **Infliximab - Remicade**
- **Infliximab Biosimilars**
- **Ustekinumab**
- **Vedolizumab**

A2 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

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Data as above for inpatients with the Crohns disease clinical coding. Outpatient data for Crohns is not available.

- Adalimumab – Humira = 0
- Adalimumab Biosimilar = 5
- Golimumab = 0
- Infliximab – Remicade = 0
- Infliximab Biosimilars = <5
- Ustekinumab = <5
- Vedolizumab = 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 related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

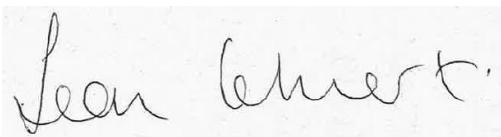
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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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