



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-301

Date: 9th August 2024

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Haemophilia B

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 Could you please provide answers to the following five questions related to the incidence and treatment of Haemophilia B and Von Willebrand Disease?

How many patients has your Trust treated (for any medical condition) in the past 3 months with the following drugs:

- **Alphanate**
- **Alprolix**
- **BeneFIX**
- **HaemateP**
- **Idelvion**
- **Refixia**
- **Rixubis**
- **Veyvondi**
- **Voncento**
- **Wilate**
- **Willfact**

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.

Haemophilia B – 5
VWD – 162
Alprolix – <5
Voncento - <5

Q2 How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with:

- **Gene therapy for Haemophilia B ONLY**
- **Desmopressin for Von Willebrand Disease ONLY**
- **Tranexamic Acid for Von Willebrand Disease ONLY**

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Gene therapy – 0
Desmopressin – <5
Tranexamic Acid – 6 (this is estimate as female patients may use for heavy menstrual bleeding and self medicate as required)

Q3 Of the patients that were treated with Veyvondi in the past 3 months, how many patients received treatment:

- **During surgery**
- **On demand to treat bleeding episodes**

A3 None

Q4 Of the patients that were treated with Voncento in the past 3 months, how many patients received treatment:

- **During surgery**
- **On demand to treat bleeding episodes**

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<5 for surgery
<5 for bleeding episode

Q5 How many patients are registered with your trust for the following diseases:

- **Haemophilia B**
- **Von Willebrand Disease**
- **Von Willebrand Disease - paediatric patients (age 17 or under)**

A5 See below:

Haemophilia B – 5
Von Willebrand Disease – 162
Von Willebrand Disease under 17 years - 38

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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.

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Yours,

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