

Ref: FOI2021/7721

Date Received: 17th September 2021

Response Due: 15th October 2021

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

You asked:

**Q1. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:**

Biological Drug	Number of Patients Treated
Adalimumab - Humira	25
Adalimumab Biosimilar	<5
Apremilast	0
Bimekizumab	0
Brodalumab	0
Certolizumab	<5
Dimethyl fumarate	5
Etanercept - Enbrel	<5
Etanercept Biosimilar	0
Guselkumab	37
Infliximab - Remicade	0
Infliximab Biosimilar	0
Ixekizumab	0
Risankizumab	0
Secukinumab	17
Tildrakizumab	0
Ustekinumab	26

## **Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information**

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

**Q2. How many patients have been treated for Psoriasis ONLY in the last three months with the following:**

- **Ciclosporin**
- **Methotrexate - any form and strength**
- **Methotrexate injections 15mg and above**

We cannot provide a response with regards to these drugs as they are provided directly from the hospital and the indication isn't recorded on the pharmacy systems.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Masterman', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Gary Masterman  
Associate Director of Pharmacy (Governance Assurance)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House

Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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