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Response Due: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **Could you please tell me how many patients were treated in the last 3 months for Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) with the following biologic drugs:**
  - **Adalimumab – Humira = 0**
  - **Adalimumab Biosimilar = 0**
  - **Bimekizumab = 0**
  - **Certolizumab = 0**
  - **Infliximab = 0**
  - **Secukinumab = 0**
  - **Ustekinumab = 0**
2. **In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of giant cell arteritis (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:**
  - **Admitted as an inpatient = 0**
  - **Treated in A&E = 0**
3. **How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:**
  - **Tocilizumab – for any disease = 31 WWL Direct Issues and 36 Homecare**
  - **Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only = 31 Homecare**
  - **Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only = 0**

The Trusts Pharmacy systems do not store indication data. Therefore, the split of indication data is only available for homecare where the indication is recorded. We are unable to establish the indication data without consulting patient notes. We do not request staff to integrate patient notes to answer Freedom of Information requests.

**4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?**

0.

**5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months (for any disease) with Tocilizumab?**

0.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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