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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

I am writing to you today to request information regarding biologics and Severe Asthma treatments as used by your organisation.

I would like first to define what I mean by Severe Asthma:

“Severe Asthma is Asthma which requires treatment with guidelines suggested medications for GINA steps 4–5 asthma (high dose ICS# and LABA or leukotriene modifier/theophylline) for the previous year or systemic CS for greater than or equal to 50% of the previous year to prevent it from becoming “uncontrolled” or which remains “uncontrolled” despite this therapy”

(Source – Chung et al (2014), International ERS/ATS guidelines on definition, evaluation and treatment of severe asthma, Eur Respir J 2014; 43: 343–373 | DOI: 10.1183/09031936.00202013)

Using this definition:

- 1.) How many adult severe asthma patients have been seen via both in-patient visits and outpatient clinics in the last 3 months?*

Category & Period	February	March	April	Grand Total
Acute Severe Asthma	12	1	8	21
Grand Total	12	9	8	29

Diagnostic information is not currently recorded against Outpatient Attendances; therefore we are unable to provide details of any patients treated for Asthma in an Outpatient setting.

- 2.) How many adult severe asthma patients have you treated with a biologic in the last 3 months?*

We have 14 patients who are on Biologics that are seen every 2 weeks or every 4 weeks depending on their dosing schedule and they are all on Xolair.

3.) *Of these patients treated, can you provide which drugs they were treated with, as follows:*

- *Omalizumab (Xolair)*
206 injections
- *Mepolizumab (Nucala)*
None
- *Reslizumab (Cinqaero)*
None

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,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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