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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 August 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding asthma patients. Specifically you asked:

**1. How many asthma patients aged 18 and over have been treated in the past 3 months (latest 3 months available)?**

Period for all data: patients discharged between 01/4/2018 – 30/06/2018

Answer: 2,033.

**2. How many paediatric asthma treated patients (aged 6-17) have been treated?**

Answer: 125.

**3. How many severe asthmatic patients (British Thoracic Society (BTS) guidelines, step 4 or 5) have been treated?**

Answer: 2151 (2026 adult and 125 paediatric patients) coded to J45\* or J46X

**4. How many severe allergic asthma patients [severe persistent confirmed allergic IgE-mediated asthma OR severe persistent confirmed allergic eosinophilic asthma]**

**Severe asthma patients treated with:**

- Omalizumab [Xolair]: 32
- Mepolizumab [Nucala]: 12

- Reslizumab [Cinqaero]: 0
- Benralizumab [Fasenra]: 0
- Other [Please state]: N/A

*(patients coded to J45.0 predominantly allergic asthma or J46X status asthmaticus, with treatment code X96.2 allergen immunotherapy drugs band 1).*

**5. How many paediatric severe asthma patients have been treated with Xolair/omalizumab in the past 3 months?**

Answer: 0 – (Admissions have been coded to X96.2 Allergen immunotherapy drugs band 1. All of the drugs listed in question 4 are included in that code, and we are unable to split out Xolair/omalizumab).

**6. How many chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) patients have been treated with Xolair/omalizumab in the past 3 months?**

Answer: 7

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

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The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Officer**