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

Thank you for your request for information received on 26 February 2019 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 new biosimilar biologic therapies. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***This is a Freedom of Information request relating to the use of the new biosimilar biologic therapies.***

***1. Does your Trust use the following biosimilar biologic therapies, and if possible how many patients are currently being treated?***

***Answer:***

- ***Adalimumab [Hyrimoz]*** - No
- ***Adalimumab [Amgevita]*** Yes - 401
- ***Adalimumab [Imraldi]*** - No
- ***Adalimumab [Hulio] [Humira]*** Yes - 145
- ***Etanercept [Benepali]*** Yes - 544
- ***Etanercept [Erelzi] [Enbrel]*** Yes - 2
- ***Infliximab [Inflectra]*** - No
- ***Infliximab [Remsima]*** Yes -26
- ***Infliximab [Flixabi]*** - No

***2. Within your Rheumatology department;***

***a. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a biologic or JAK2***

Answer: about 1250

***b. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a DMARD [for example azathioprine, ciclosporin, methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or minocycline]***

Answer: – Data not recorded

**3. *Within your dermatology department;***

***a. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a biologic or JAK2***

Answer: 224

***b. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a DMARD [for example azathioprine, ciclosporin, methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or minocycline]***

Answer: – Data not recorded

**4. *Within your Gastroenterology department;***

***a. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a biologic or JAK2***

Answer: 130

***b. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a DMARD [for example azathioprine, ciclosporin, methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or minocycline]***

Answer: Data not recorded

**5. *Does your trust record the DAS score electronically on the patient records?, If so how many are DAS 5+ No/Yes***

Answer: Yes – 1250

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.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

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

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**