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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 February 2020 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 Biologics. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Adalimumab FOI request

Please see the below a Freedom of Information request – **please note, for ease, the Trust’s answers are in red coloured text:**

Question 1

| | Rheumatology | Dermatology | Gastroenterology |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Is the branded biosimilar AMGEVITA listed on your formulary? | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Question 2

Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the Rheumatology, Dermatology and Gastroenterology departments:

| Product/place in the adalimumab therapy pathway* | Rheumatology | Dermatology | Gastroenterology |
|---|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| AMGEVITA first-line | Data not recorded | 27 patients, however, please note, the Trust does not record data on which patients have | 89 |

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|----------------------|-------------------|--|----|
| | | Amgevita as first line and which patients were switched. | |
| AMGEVITA second-line | Data not recorded | | 0 |
| HUMIRA first-line | 0 | | 33 |
| HUMIRA second-line | 0 | | 0 |
| HYRIMOZ first-line | 0 | | 0 |
| IMRALDI first-line | 0 | | 0 |

*How many patients receive the listed therapies as a first or second treatment once they reach the biologic/biosimilar part of their treatment pathway. For example, according to the NICE Pathway, psoriasis patients should receive topical therapy, then systemic non-biological therapy, then systemic biological therapy. We would like to know which therapies are received first and second in the biological therapy part of the pathway.

Question 3

Please complete the table below:

| Question | Department | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Dermatology | Rheumatology | | | Gastroenterology | |
| | Psoriasis | Psoriatic arthritis | Rheumatoid arthritis | Ankylosing spondylitis | Crohn's disease | Ulcerative colitis |
| Are any local guidelines followed that recommend earlier use of anti-TNF biologics/ biosimilars in the treatment pathway? | Yes | No local guidelines | No local guidelines | No local guidelines | No | No |
| Are there occasions where patients can receive adalimumab outside of NICE/SMC/AWM SG/National criteria? | Only with approved IFR funding | No | No | No | No | No |

Question 4

What is the contractual agreement for seeing and treating patients with anti-TNF biologics between you and your referring CCGs/Health Boards?

| Contractual agreement | Yes/No |
|---|--------|
| Block contracts | Yes |
| Fixed price on a patient-by-patient basis | No |

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
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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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer