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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 9th September 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to biologic and biosimilar product prescribing in rheumatology and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Q1. How many patients have been treated with biologics or biosimilar products in the last 12 months for the following conditions:

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis**
- **Psoriatic Arthritis**
- **Ankylosing Spondylitis**
- **Non-Radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a substantial amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine hundreds of sets of patient's notes. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

Q2. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated by the rheumatology department (for any condition) in the last 12 months with the following drugs?

Please note the following responses are approximate figures. This is information which has not been centrally recorded and the information provided is based on the average number of prescriptions provided to patients. In order to provide an exact figure a member of staff would be required to manually examine hundreds of sets of patient's notes. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

- **Abatacept [Orencia]:** approximately 150
- **Adalimumab [Amgevita]:** approximately 180
- **Adalimumab [Humira]:** approximately 45
- **Adalimumab [Hyrimoz]:** 0
- **Adalimumab [Imraldi]:** 0
- **Apremilast [Otezla]:** approximately 70
- **Baricitinib [Olumiant]:** approximately 10
- **Certolizumab [Cimzia]:** approximately 60
- **Etanercept [Benepali]:** approximately 600
- **Etanercept [Enbrel]:** approximately 15
- **Etanercept [Erelzi]:** 0
- **Golimumab [Simponi]:** approximately 150
- **Infliximab [Flixabi]:** 0
- **Infliximab [Inflectra]:** approximately 4
- **Infliximab [Remicade]:** 0
- **Infliximab [Remsima]:** 5
- **Ixekizumab [Taltz]:** 0
- **Rituximab [MabThera]:** 2
- **Rituximab [Rixathon]:** 0
- **Rituximab [Truxima]:** approximately 25
- **Sarilumab [Kevzara]:** 0
- **Secukinumab [Cosentyx]:** approximately 50
- **Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]:** approximately 100
- **Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]:** approximately 120
- **Upadacitinib [Rinvoq]:** 0
- **Ustekinumab [Stelara]:** 0

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer