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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 15 April 2021 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 Biologics in rheumatology and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

It would be really helpful if you provide the numbers of patients treated by the rheumatology department (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following drugs:

Please note, the information requested is not centrally recorded. In order to provide an actual figure for all of the medications, the medical records of all patients who have attended the rheumatology department would need to be reviewed to determine if they have been treated with the medications listed. 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.

The Trust is able to provide some exact figures but it has mostly provided approximations. These are based on prescriptions issued in the last 3-6 months but may not be fully reflective of the number of patients treated with the medications. Please see the table below.

Biologic	Numbers of patients, where the number is an approximation it has been marked 'Approx'
Abatacept [Orencia]	Approx. 180
Adalimumab [Humira]	Approx. 45
Adalimumab [Amgevita]	Approx. 190

Adalimumab [Hymiroz]	0
Adalimumab [Imraldi]	0
Adalimumab [Idacio]	0
Apremilast [Otezla]	Approx. 70
Baricitinib [Olumiant]	Approx. 16
Certolizumab [Cimzia]	Approx. 60
Etanercept [Enbrel]	Approx. 15
Etanercept Biosimilars	Approx. 600
Filgotinib [Jyseleca]	0
Golimumab [Simponi]	0
Infliximab [Remicade]	0
Infliximab Biosimilars	Approx. 4
Ixekizumab [Taltz]	0
Rituximab [MabThera]	2
Rituximab Biosimilars	25
Sarilumab [Kevzara]	0
Secukinumab [Cosentyx]	Approx. 50
Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]	Approx. 120
Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]	Approx. 150
Upadacitinib [Rinvoq]	0
Ustekinumab [Stelara]	10

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. 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