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Email only

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 5th July 2022 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 patients treated within the Trust and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. In total, over the past 4 months, how many patients have been treated for the following diseases (Rheumatoid arthritis, Axial Spondyloarthritis, Psoriatic arthritis, Psoriasis, hidradenitis suppurativa)?**

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- 2. Of these five, how many of each received the following products:**

- Adalimumab (Humira)
- Adalimumab Biosimilar
- Etanercept (Enbrel)
- Etanercept Biosimilar
- Infliximab (Remicade)
- Infliximab biosimilar
- Golimumab (Simponi)
- Tofacitinib (Xeljanz)
- Ustekinumab (Stelara)
- Vedolizumab (Entyvio)
- Filgotinib (Jyseleca)
- Abatacept (Orencia)

- **Baricitinib (Olumiant)**
- **Certolizumab Pegol (Cimzia)**
- **Rituximab (MabThera)**
- **Rituximab Biosimilar**
- **Tocilizumab (RoActemra)**
- **Sarilumab (Kevzara)**
- **Apremilast (Otezla)**
- **Secukinumab (Cosentyx)**
- **Isekizumab (Taltz)**
- **Guselkumab (Tremfya)**
- **Brodalumab (Kyntheum)**
- **Risankizumab (Skyrizi)**
- **Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri)**
- **Upadacitinib (Rinvoq)**
- **Bimekizumab (Bimzelx)**

The Trust does not centrally record what treatment each patient received and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine the notes for 4000 patients. 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.

3. Could you please provide the number of these patients that were treated within the gastro department (still split by disease and treatment).

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4. Over the same time period, how many patients for each of the five diseases (Rheumatoid arthritis, Axial Spondyloarthritis, Psoriatic arthritis, Psoriasis, hidradenitis suppurativa) received the following treatments as their first ever biologic treatment?

- **AxSPA**
- **PsA**
- **PsO**

The Trust does not centrally record why a patient received a treatment and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. The treatments listed can be used to treat multiple conditions so in order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually review the notes for 4000 patients. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we

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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

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator