

Ref: 20-341

## **Freedom of Information Request**

24 September 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting
- 1. Within the last 2 years, has the institution accepted or is it currently accepting any of the following drugs free of charge or for a nominal charge (eg £1):

Rizankizumab (Skyrizi) Yes Guselkumab (Tremfya) Yes Brodalumab (Kyntheum) No Ixekizumab (Taltz) No Secukinumab (Cosentyx) No Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri) Yes

2. If yes to any of the above, are you able to say how long is the free of charge drug stock typically provided for each patient? For example, is it:

First dose Yes

First month First 3 months

Some other period?

3. If the Institution has not accepted manufacturer provision of free of charge drug stock, are you able to say what have been the reasons for this?

We have refused some schemes when they have been assessed against the Free of Charge RMOC policy requirements.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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