

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-403

10 August 2021

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 hold some the information you are requesting

We are analysing the treatment of spasticity and we would greatly appreciate it if you could please answer the following questions;

Q1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following products:

- Baclofen - 72
- Tizanidine - *
- Dantrolene sodium - 0
- Diazepam - 170
- Sativex - 3
- Gabapentin - 33
- Botox - 20
- Dysport - 14
- Xeomin - 29

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

Q2. For patients treated for Multiple Sclerosis in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- **Baclofen**
- **Tizanidine**
- **Dantrolene sodium**

- **Diazepam**
- **Sativex**
- **Gabapentin**
- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

We do not hold this information

Q3. For patients admitted for Stroke in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- **Baclofen**
- **Tizanidine**
- **Dantrolene sodium**
- **Gabapentin**
- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

We do not hold this information

Q4. For patients admitted for Spinal or Brain Trauma in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- **Baclofen**
- **Tizanidine**
- **Dantrolene sodium**
- **Gabapentin**
- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

We do not hold this information

Q5. Within your trust, how many patients have been treated (with any medication or procedure) in the past 12 months for the following conditions:

- Multiple Sclerosis - 194
- Stroke - 514
- Spinal or brain trauma - 749 (404 spinal 354 Brain)

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
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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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