

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-396**

4 June 2024

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

**Q1. Does your trust or health board treat giant cell arteritis (GCA)?**

Yes

**If not, please provide the name of the hospital or trust that you refer GCA patients to.**

Not applicable

**Q2. In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:**

- **Admitted as an inpatient** - 19
- **Treated in A&E** - We do not hold this information as this is not coded specifically

**Q3. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:**

- **Tocilizumab – for any disease** - 65
- **Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only** - 8
- **Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only** - 0

**Q4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab? - 0**

**Q5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab? - 0**

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:

Data Protection Officer  
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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