

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-710

7 October 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

I would be grateful if you could tell me how many patients were treated by individual drugs from the dermatology, gastroenterology, and rheumatology departments (for any disease) for the three-month period specified within the question.

I have provided a grid of drug names and department names requested in appendix A (below). Please fill in the grid with the numbers of patients (or forward in a format that best suits you) and include data for all hospitals in the organisation (question 1).

Appendix A

Q1a – How many patients were treated with the following drugs from a the following departments (for any disease) from the start of Apr 2024 to the end of Jun 2024? Please use the latest available 3 months if April to June is not available and specify which 3 months has been used.

Drug Name	Dermatology	Gastroenterology	Rheumatology
Adalimumab	329	389	534
Apremilast	15	0	*
Bimekizumab	*	0	*
Brodalumab	20	0	0
Certolizumab Pegol	12	*	59
Deucravacitinib	*	0	0
Etanercept	9	*	225
Guselkumab	14	0	9
Infliximab (Remicade)	0	*	6
Infliximab (Biosimilars)	6	274	106
Ixekizumab	36	0	27
Risankizumab	49	10	0

Secukinumab	60	0	29
Tildrakizumab	18	0	0
Ustekinumab	60	108	10
Upadacitinib	26	76	10
Vedolizumab	0	125	8
Filgotinib	0	9	11
Golimumab	0	8	28
Mirikizumab	0	*	0
Ozanimod	0	0	0
Etrasimod	0	*	0
Tofacitinib	0	26	17
Baricitinib	*	*	18
Rituximab	0	*	73
Sarilumab	0	0	88
Tocilizumab	0	0	68

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. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

Q1b – How many patients were treated with Ustekinumab and its biosimilars from the following departments (for any disease) from the start of Jun 2024 to the end of Aug 2024?

Please use the latest available 3 months if June to August is not available and specify which 3 months has been used.

Drug Name	Dermatology	Gastroenterology	Rheumatology
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	60	108	10
Ustekinumab (Pyzchiva)	0	0	0
Ustekinumab (Uzpruvo)	0	0	0
Ustekinumab (Wezenla)	0	0	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
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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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