

## **Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-195**

7 March 2025

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 am conducting an analysis on the uptake of biosimilar use for Ustekinumab.**

**I would be grateful if you could please tell me how many patients were treated with Ustekinumab (for any disease) for the three-month period specified within the questions.**

**I have provided the questions below with response grids in appendix A (see 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 within the organisation.**

### **Appendix A**

**Q1 – How many patients were treated with Ustekinumab and its biosimilars from the following departments (for any disease) from the start of October 2024 to the end of December 2024?**

**Please use the latest available 3 months if October to December is not available and specify which 3 months have been used.**

Drug Name	Dermatology	Gastroenterology	Rheumatology
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	12	30	*
Ustekinumab (Pyzchiva)	47	54	6
Ustekinumab (Uzpruvo)	0	0	0
Ustekinumab (Wezenla)	0	0	0

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

**Q2 – How many patients were treated with Stelara and its biosimilars (for any disease) in the months October 2024, November 2024, and December 2024?**

**Please use the latest available 3 months if October to December is not available and specify which 3 months have been used.**

Drug Name	October 24	November 24	December 24
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	44	9	*
Ustekinumab (Biosimilars)	41	63	18

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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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