

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/323

Lupus Patients

Request details

1. How many Lupus (SLE) Patients have received Rituximab treatment by infusion, since the NICE BSR guideline for the management of SLE in adults was published in October 2017?
2. In the same period, i.e. from 2017 to date, how many LUPUS patients have been treated with ciclosporin, tacrolimus, or belimumab?

Response details

The UHB has sourced the following information using coded clinical data. Coded clinical data is compiled upon discharge from hospital using the following coding classifications:

- ICD-10 – International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems
- OPCS 4 – Classification of Interventions and Procedures

Therefore, this data does not represent activity outside of the inpatient or daycase setting (e.g. outpatient data).

The coded clinical data captured by the UHB does not distinguish between the listed drugs. However, under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can provide you with the following information:

- The number of distinct patients across the whole time period is 53
- 8 distinct patients had Infusion of therapeutic substance (some having more than one infusion)
- 11 distinct patients had Cytokine inhibitor drugs Band 1 (some having more than one treatment)