

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/345

Biologic Drugs

Request details

Could you help me with the following queries about biologic drugs?

1. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

- **Adalimumab – Humira - 0**
- **Adalimumab Biosimilar - 0**
- **Apremilast - 1**
- **Brodalumab - 0**
- **Certolizumab - 0**
- **Dimethyl fumarate - 1**
- **Etanercept – Enbrel - 0**
- **Etanercept Biosimilar - 0**
- **Guselkumab - 0**
- **Infliximab – Remicade - 0**
- **Infliximab Biosimilar - 1**
- **Ixekizumab - 0**
- **Risankizumab - 0**
- **Secukinumab - 0**
- **Tildrakizumab - 0**
- **Ustekinumab - 0**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) would like to advise that most dermatology patients will be treated as an outpatient, the above data does not include patients treated in the outpatient setting as these drugs will not be coded.

For further information on Primary Care Prescribing data please click on the following link;

<http://www.primarycareservices.wales.nhs.uk/general-practice-prescribing-data-extrac>

2. For the patients treated by the Dermatology department in the last three months with any of the above drugs, can you please provide the total number of paediatric (up to age 16) versus adult patients?

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption

(‘Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit’) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

3. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

- **Adalimumab – Humira - 0**
- **Adalimumab Biosimilar - 6**
- **Golimumab - 0**
- **Infliximab – Remicade - 0**
- **Infliximab Biosimilar - 105**
- **Tofacitinib - 3**
- **Ustekinumab - 16**
- **Vedolizumab - 115**