



Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/471
Treatment of Neurology Patients

Information Requested:

1. How many patients have been treated with the following drugs (for any disease) in the past 6 months:

Aubagio (teriflunomide)	5
Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	0
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	0
Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	4
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	0
Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	0
Fampyra (fampridine)	21
Gilenya (fingolimod)	48
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	6
Mavenclad (cladribine)	6
Mayzent (siponimod)	14
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	89
Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)	6
Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	1
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	130
Tysabri (natalizumab)	77
Zeposia (ozanimod)	0

2. How many patients have been treated with the following drugs in the past 4 months:

Aimovig (ereumab) - any disease	4
Ajovy (fremanezumab) - any disease	9
Emgality (galcanezumab) - any disease	18
Botulinum Toxin (i.e. Botox, Dysport, Xeomin) – for migraine ONLY	Please see question 4.





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3. Does the trust either commission or fund Botulinum Toxin treatment and/or anti-CGRP monoclonal antibody treatments (Ajovy, Aimovig, Emgality) for migraine (Y/N)?

Yes, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board can confirm all four of these treatments are used.

4. How many patients have been treated in the past 4 months for the following conditions:

- **Chronic migraine (15+ headache days per month)**
- **Episodic migraine (4-14 headache days per month)**
- **Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS)**
- **Primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS)**
- **Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS)**

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.

However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, please see the attached spreadsheet.

