

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/069

Biologic Medicines in Gastroenterology

Information Requested:

I have a freedom of information query regarding the use of Biologic medicines in gastroenterology. Could you please answer the following two questions?

1. How many patients were treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

- Adalimumab – Humira 0
- Adalimumab Biosimilar 22
- Filgotinib 5
- Golimumab 0
- Infliximab – Remicade 0
- Infliximab Biosimilar 104
- Ozanimod 0
- Tofacitinib 0
- Upadacitinib 0
- Ustekinumab 29
- Vedolizumab 113

2. If you are able to link patient treatment to a disease, could you please provide the number of patients treated in the last 3 months for Crohn's Disease ONLY with the following biologic drugs:

- Adalimumab - Humira
- Adalimumab Biosimilar
- Golimumab
- Infliximab - Remicade
- Infliximab Biosimilar
- Upadacitinib
- Ustekinumab
- Vedolizumab

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.