

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/472

Drug Treatments and Multiple Sclerosis Diagnoses

Information Requested:

1. How many patients has your trust/health board treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with the following drugs:
 - Aubagio (teriflunomide): 4
 - Avonex (interferon beta-1a): 0
 - Betaferon (interferon beta-1b): 0
 - Brabio (glatiramer acetate): 3
 - Copaxone (glatiramer acetate): 0
 - Extavia (beta interferon-1b): 0
 - Gilenya (fingolimod): 44
 - Lemtrada (alemtuzumab): 6
 - Kesimpta (ofatumumab): 17
 - Mavenclad (cladribine): 12
 - Mayzent (siponimod): 32
 - Ocrevus (ocrelizumab): 121
 - Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a): 4
 - Ponvory (ponesimod): 2
 - Rebif (beta interferon-1a): 0
 - Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate): 115
 - Tysabri (natalizumab): 88
 - Tysabri (natalizumab) pre-filled syringes ONLY: 76
 - Vumerity (diroximel fumarate): 7
 - Zeposia (ozanimod): 0

2. It would also be very helpful if you could advise how many hospital patients seen in the past 12 months (as inpatients or outpatients) have a diagnosis for the following conditions:
 - Multiple sclerosis (any type)
 - Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS)
 - Primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS)
 - Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS)

In response to question 2:

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.