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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/332
Drug Treatment

Question One

How many patients has your trust treated in the past six months (for any disease) with the following drugs:

Drug Name	***Patient Number***
Aubagio (teriflunomide)	3
Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	0
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	0
Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	2
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	0
Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	0
Gilenya (fingolimod)	39 – NOT BRAND SPECIFIC
Kesimpta (ofatumumab)	25
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	6
Mavenclad (cladribine)	15
Mayzent (siponimod)	33
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	140
Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)	1
Ponvory (ponesimod)	4
Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	0
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	108 – NOT BRAND SPECIFIC
Tysabri (natalizumab)	96
Tysabri (natalizumab) Pre-filled syringes only	70
Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)	7
Zeposia (ozanimod)	5

Question Two

How many patients has you trust treated with Rituximab for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in the past six months?

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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') 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.

Question Three

How many patients within your trust have a diagnosis of MS (Multiple Sclerosis)?

From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, there were 422 distinct patients with a diagnosis of MS. These patients were seen as either as an inpatient, day case, or regular day admission, and coded based on an MS diagnosis code in any diagnosis position in all episodes.

Question Four

Of the patients with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, how many patients have a diagnosis of:

Condition	***Patient Number***
RRMS – Relapse Remitting Multiple Sclerosis	
PPMS – Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	
SPMS – Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	

The UHB believes the section 12 exemption to apply here and is therefore refusing your request.