

Ref: FOI/2023/9016

Date Received: 3rd July 2023

Response Due: 31st July 2023

Date: 4th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am writing to make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

I am seeking answers to the following questions:

Question	Response
1. How many patients were treated in the last 6-month period with Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for HIV treatment?	<5 patients had this product issued to them (for all indications)
2. How many patients were treated in the last 6-month period with Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)?	<5 patients had this product issued to them (for all indications)
3. How many packs of Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate were dispensed in latest 6-month period for HIV treatment?	<5 packs were issued for all indications. (<5 pack (s) was issued to the out of hours cupboard rather than to a specific patient)
4. How many packs of Truvada or generic emtricitabine / tenofovir disoproxil fumarate were dispensed in latest 6-month period for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)?	<5 packs were issued for all indications. (<5 pack (s) was issued to the out of hours cupboard rather than to a specific patient)
5. How many packs of Descovy (tenofovir alafenamide / emtricitabine) were dispensed in latest 6-month period for HIV treatment?	<5 packs were issued for all indications

6. How many packs of Descovy (tenofovir alafenamide / emtricitabine) were dispensed in latest 6-month period for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)?

<5 packs were issued for all indications

Please note - that the Pharmacy systems do not keep indication data, so the figures provided are total quantities issued in the 6-month period rather than being able to allocate them to each of the indications listed.

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Masterman
Deputy Chief Pharmacist (Governance)

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111