

Ref: FOI/2023/8957

Date Received: 6th June 2023

Response Due: 4th July 2023

Date: 16th June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Q1. 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**
<5
- **Adalimumab Biosimilar**
160
- **Filgotinib**
<5
- **Golimumab**
0
- **Infliximab – Remicade**
0
- **Infliximab Biosimilar**
65
- **Ozanimod**
0
- **Tofacitinib**
<5
- **Upadacitinib**
8
- **Ustekinumab**
110
- **Vedolizumab**
101

- **Vedolizumab Injections ONLY (pre-filled pens or syringes)**
55

Q2. 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 Ulcerative Colitis ONLY with the following biologic drugs:

- **Adalimumab – Humira**
0
- **Adalimumab Biosimilar**
41
- **Filgotinib**
4
- **Golimumab**
0
- **Infliximab – Remicade**
0
- **Infliximab Biosimilar**
9
- **Ozanimod**
0
- **Tofacitinib**
0
- **Upadacitinib**
<5
- **Ustekinumab**
28
- **Vedolizumab**
47
- **Vedolizumab Injections ONLY (pre-filled pens or syringes)**
25

Q3. Does your trust participate in clinical trials for the treatment of Ulcerative Colitis? If so, please provide the total number of patients taking part in any Ulcerative Colitis study.

The Trust are not running any studies dealing solely with Ulcerative Colitis patients, although Ulcerative Colitis patients are included in:

RISQ – recruited 74 participants.
IBD BioResource - recruited 220 participants.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Masterman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Gary Masterman
Associate Director of Pharmacy (Governance Assurance)

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