

**FoI request re: Biologic treatment in dermatology**

**Ref: 20-JJ-1910**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the number of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department.

This was received on 21 September 2020 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

**Request 1:**

Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs?

<b>Adalimumab - Humira</b>	0
<b>Adalimumab Biosimilar</b>	≤5
<b>Apremilast</b>	N/A
<b>Brodalumab</b>	0
<b>Certolizumab</b>	0
<b>Dimethyl fumarate</b>	0
<b>Etanercept - Enbrel</b>	0
<b>Etanercept Biosimilar</b>	0
<b>Guselkumab</b>	≤5
<b>Infliximab - Remicade</b>	0
<b>Infliximab Biosimilar</b>	≤5
<b>Ixekizumab</b>	≤5
<b>Risankizumab</b>	≤5
<b>Secukinumab</b>	≤5
<b>Tildrakizumab</b>	0
<b>Ustekinumab</b>	12

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

**Request 2:**

For the patients treated by the Dermatology department in the last three months with any of the above drugs, can you please provide the total number of paediatric (up to age 16) versus adult patients?

We do not hold this information as age is not recorded on stock control system.

**Request 3:**

Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs?

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<b>Adalimumab - Humira</b>	≤5
<b>Adalimumab Biosimilar</b>	8
<b>Golimumab</b>	0
<b>Infliximab - Remicade</b>	≤5
<b>Infliximab Biosimilar</b>	30
<b>Tofacitinib</b>	N/A
<b>Ustekinumab</b>	10
<b>Vedolizumab</b>	11

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I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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**FOI Complaints:**

In the first instance, write to:  
**Director Lead for Information Governance**  
 Chief Operating Officer  
 Jenner Building  
 Magdala Avenue  
 London  
 N19 5NF  
 020 7288 5255

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
 Wycliffe House  
 Water Lane  
 Wilmslow  
 Cheshire SK9 5AF  
 Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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