

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Rheumatoid Arthritis.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Please see attachment

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Yours sincerely

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI request into service provision and access to treatment for rheumatoid arthritis patients

Name: _____

Position: _____

CCG: _____

Email: _____

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we request the following information:

1. What is the total amount spent, and the total amount spent per head, in financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14 by the trust on:
 - a. Occupational Therapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?
 - b. Physiotherapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?
 - c. Psychological interventions for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

There is no budget in IMRS separate for Rheumatology. There is a Service Line Reporting line for Rheumatology, but this is for the whole service. It does not split out costs for those patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Since this is mainly an outpatient service, there is no data (based on HRGs) to split out the costs of the outpatient service anyway (Outpatients just get one HRG code).

2. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis did you initiate treatment with bDMARDs who had a DAS28 score below 5.1? Please provide an annual breakdown since 2010.

None (as not approved by NICE at that score)

3. How many DAS28 assessments, where patients score 5.1 or higher, must patients with rheumatoid arthritis must undergo before being eligible to receive biologic treatments?

2 A MONTH APART

4. Has the trust commissioned a multidisciplinary team for rheumatoid arthritis patients?

- a. If not, please explain why.

It is done as a part of whole service not only RA

5. Has the trust commissioned a rapid access rheumatology service in your area?

Yes

- a. If yes, can patients access both the rapid access rheumatology service and a routine review service?
 - b. Please provide details of the rapid access rheumatology service
Nurse led telephone help line
6. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis have been referred for joint replacement treatment in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

Apr12 to Mar 13 : 8

Apr13 to Dec13 : 5

7. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis have been able to return to employment after previously being assessed as unable to continue working as a result of their illness?
The Trust does not collect this data
8. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis are considered to be in remission?
20-30% approximately

NICE Quality Standard

9. What is the total number of patients with suspected persistent synovitis affecting the small joints of the hands or feet, or more than one joint, that are referred to a rheumatology service within 3 working days of presentation? Please provide figures for 2012/12 and 2013/14.

The Trust does not hold this information –it is held by the primary care

10. What is the total number of patients with suspected persistent synovitis that are assessed in a rheumatology service within 3 weeks of referral? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

100% in early arthritis clinic

11. What is the total number of patients with newly diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis that are offered short term glucocorticoids and a combination of disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs by a rheumatology service within 6 weeks of treatment? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

100%

12. What is the total number of patients that are offered educational and self management activities within 1 month of diagnosis? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

100%

13. What is the total number of patients with active rheumatoid arthritis that are offered monthly treatment escalation until the disease is controlled to an agreed low diseased activity target? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

As this information isn't recorded in this format and is estimated it would exceed 18 hours to produce this data as such is exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act2000

14. How many people with rheumatoid arthritis and disease flares or possible drug related side effects receive advice within 1 working day of contacting the rheumatology service? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

80% (audit)

15. How many people with rheumatoid arthritis have a comprehensive annual review that is coordinated by the rheumatology service? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

No annual review clinics but 100%