

24th June 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding biologic drugs.

The Trust can provide the following information:

We would like a breakdown of your usage across all sites of your trust of all biologic drugs prescribed for Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Psoriasis, Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative colitis as listed in the BNF section 10.1.3 separately for years 12/13, 13/14 and 14/15.

We further request that this breakdown wherever possible contain number of patients, units prescribed (one tablet, one vial, one syringe etc) and total spend on each product.

The products are as per attached form provided to make the collation potentially easier, however, we are happy to receive the data requested in any format as long as it meets these FOI needs, although excel would be our preferred format. As it is required for the biologics register we hope you will have this data by therapy area, if not and you will need to obtain your data from your pharmacy systems we have included a therapy area unknown table should that be helpful.

I include the list as per the attached for convenience:

- Abatacept (Orencia)
- Adalimumab (Humira)
- Anakinra (Kineret)
- Belimumab (Benlysta)
- Certolizumab (Cimzia)
- Etanercept (Enbrel)
- Golimumab (Simponi)
- Infliximab (Remicade)
- Rituximab (Mabthera)
- Tocilizumab (Ro Actemra)
- Ustekinumab (Stelara)
- Methotrexate Tablets 2.5mg
- Methotrexate Subcutaneous Injections (Metoject)
- Methotrexate SC or IM injections (Special Manufacture)

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of drugs used and associated costs. We are unable to provide patient level or therapy area breakdown as this information is not available in a readily available format. Consequently the costs for providing this data would exceed the costs proscribed in the FOI act, currently £450.

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Yours sincerely

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