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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q1. Does your trust or health board treat giant cell arteritis (GCA)? - Yes

If not, please provide the name of the hospital or trust that you refer GCA patients to – N/A

Q2. In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:

- Admitted as an inpatient - The number of cases is less than 5. As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person/s so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.
- Treated in A&E - The number of cases is less than 5. As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person/s so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.
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Q3. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:

- Tocilizumab – for any disease
- Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only
- Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only

In the 3 months Oct 24-Dec 24, 75 patients were issued Tocilizumab (for any disease), by the Rheumatology department.

Q4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab? - Oct 24 to December 2024 = 0

Q5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

- Oct 24 to December 2024 = 0

Questions 3 to 5 we are able to run a report on number of patients but we are unable to run a report by patient disease

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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