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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013652 - Biologics and biosimilars

I have a Freedom of Information request regarding biologics and biosimilar prescribing. Could you please provide me with the following numbers of patients treated in the last 12 months [latest 12 months possible] with the following drugs regardless of disease?

The information we have provided is for dispensed number of medicine vials rather than patient numbers as the Trust's Pharmacy stock management system is unable to provide the requested patient level data.

All high cost drugs now require pre-approval before these can be prescribed / dispensed. Most CCGs are using Blueteq <https://www.blueteq-secure.co.uk/trust/Default.aspx> : NHS High Cost / IFR database to ensure Acute providers undertake pre-approval verification of high cost drugs. This database is not locally configurable and as such The Trust is unable to extract reports by drug and indication. Individual CCGs may be able to do this.

Medicine	Figures relate to vials dispensed of drugs from January 2017 to August 2017.
Abatacept [Orencia]	557
Adalimumab [Humira]	4260
Apremilast [Otezla]	0
Baricitinib [Olumiant]	0
Certolizumab [Cimzia]	214
Etanercept [Enbrel]	1352
Etanercept Biosimilar [Benepali or Erelzi]	738
Golimumab [Simponi]	547
Infliximab [Remicade]	734
Infliximab Biosimilar [Inflectra, Remsima or Flixabi]	691
Rituximab [Mabthera]	1035
Rituximab Biosimilar [Rixathon or Truxima]	0
Secukinumab [Cosentyx]	416
Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]	1556
Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]	0
Ustekinumab [Stelara]	99
Vedolizumab [Entyvio]	167
Ixekizumab [Taltz]	0