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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Q1. How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust?

Q2. How many patients have been newly diagnosed with Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) in the past 3 months?

Q3. How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)?

Questions 1 to 3 -The Trust is unable to run a report on diagnosis, we can only run a report on patients who have been admitted and then discharged

Q4. 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

- See response below

Q5. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?

- See response below

Q6. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

- See response below

Questions 4-6 - In the 3 months, Jul 25-Sep 25, the following number of Patients were issued Tocilizumab (for any condition) by the listed Departments:

The data held in Pharmacy is not based on indication; therefore we cannot answer questions about treatments for specific conditions.

Question	Department	PT Count
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4	<i>Rheumatology</i>	73
5	<i>Ophthalmology</i>	0
6	<i>A&E</i>	0

Q7. 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 – **5 patients (ICD-10 code in 1st diagnosis position)**

Treated in A&E – **2 patients**

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

Yours sincerely

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