

Freedom of Information request 71-18

Request

1. In your trust, in the past 3 months [latest 3 months available], how many asthma patients aged 18 and over have been treated?
2. How many paediatric asthma treated patients [aged 6-17] have been treated?
3. How many severe asthmatic patients [BTS guidelines, step 4 or 5] have been treated?
4. How many severe allergic asthma patients [severe persistent confirmed allergic IgE-mediated asthma OR severe persistent confirmed allergic eosinophilic asthma] have been treated with:
 - a. Omalizumab [Xolair]
 - b. Mepolizumab [Nucala]
 - c. Reslizumab [Cinqaero]
 - d. Benralizumab [Fasenra]
 - e. Other [Please state]
5. How many paediatric severe asthma patients treated with Xolair/omalizumab?
6. How many asthma clinics are run per month?
7. What is the average number of severe asthma patients per clinic?
8. Do you treat non asthma patients with Omalizumab [Xolair]? If yes, how many of for what condition?

Response

1. In the past 3 months (Nov 17 to Jan 18) 75 patients were seen at the Respiratory Specialist Nurse clinics. We are unable to provide data on numbers of patients seen at Consultant Outpatient Clinics as this is not held electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of this would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore under Section 17 we are not required to provide.
2. NHS Borders are unable to provide data on numbers of paediatric patients treated for asthma as this is not held electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of this would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore under Section 17 we are not required to provide.
3. In the past 3 months (Nov 17 to Jan 18) 5 patients with severe asthma were seen at the Respiratory Specialist Nurse clinics. We are unable to provide data on numbers of all severe asthmatic patients treated as this is not held electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of this would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore under Section 17 we are not required to provide.
4. NHS Borders have <5 patients with severe allergic asthma who are treated with Xolair, we do not currently use any of the other treatments listed.

5. NHS Borders have <5 paediatric patients with severe asthma who are treated with Xolair.
6. NHS Borders do not run disease specific clinics, 4 multi-respiratory disease clinics are held weekly.
7. There is an average of <1 severe asthmatic patient per clinic.
8. No.

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **71-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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