

Freedom of Information request 257-18

Request & Response

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 for either Rheumatology, Dermatology or Gastroenterology departments.

Number of patients treated	Rheumatology	Dermatology	Gastroenterology
TOTAL			
Abatacept [Orencia]	<5	0	0
Adalimumab [Biosimilar]	Biosimilar not available	Biosimilar not available	Biosimilar not available
Adalimumab [Humira]	61	14	31
Apremilast [Otezla]	<5 patients, but dispensed in Primary Care, so indication unknown.		
Baricitinib [Olumiant]	0	0	0
Brodalumab [Kyntheum]	0	0	0
Certolizumab [Cimzia]	<5	0	0
Dimethyl fumarate [Skilarence]	0	0	0
Etanercept [Enbrel]	20	<5	0
Etanercept Biosimilar [Benepali or Erelzi]	94 (Might be back and forth so possibly some double counting between Benepali and Enbrel)	0	0
Golimumab [Simponi]	18	0	0
Guselkumab [Tremfya]	0	0	0
Infliximab [Remicade]	<5	0	<5
Infliximab Biosimilar [Inflectra, Remsima or Flixabi]	<5	0	19
Ixekizumab [Taltz]	0	<5	0
Rituximab [Mabthera]	24	0	0

Rituximab Biosimilar [Rixathon or Truxima]	27	0	0
Sarilumab [Kevzara]	0	0	0
Secukinumab [Cosentyx]	0	6	0
Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]	22	0	0
Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]	0	0	0
Ustekinumab [Stelara]	<5	17	0
Vedolizumab [Entyvio]	0	0	<5

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

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 **257-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.