

Freedom of Information request 613-18

Request & Response

I have a Freedom of Information request with regards to the usage of 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;

Number of patients treated	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Ankylosing Spondylitis	Psoriatic Arthritis	Psoriasis	Crohns Disease	Ulcerative Cloitis
TOTAL						
Abatacept (Orencia)	8	0	0	0	0	0
Adalimumab (Biosimilar)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adalimumab (Humira)	340	9	17	9	36	<5
Apremilast (Otezla)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Baricitinib (Olumiant)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brodalumab (Kyntheum)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Certolizumab (Cimzia)	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Dimethyl Fumarate (Skilarence)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Etanercept (Enbrel)	16	0	5	<5	0	0
Etanercept Biosimilar (Benepali or Erelzi)	58	12	33	0	<5	0
Golimumab (Simponi)			19**	0	0	<5
Guselkumab (Tremfya)	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Infliximab (Remicade)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Infliximab Biosimilar (Inflectra, Remsima or Flixabi)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ixekizumab (Taltz)	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Rituximab (Mabthera)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rituximab Biosimilar (Rixathon or Truxima)	84	0	0	0	0	0
Sarilumab (Kevzara)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secukinumab (Cosentyx)	0	0	0	12	0	0
Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tocilizumab (Ro Actemra)	22	0	0	0	0	0
Tofacitinib (Xeljanz)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	0	0	<5	15	0	0
Vedolizumab (Entyvio)	*	*	*	*	*	*

* These treatments have been used by NHS Borders, however we are unable to confirm patient numbers per indication from the data available.

** Golimumab has been used by NHS Borders in the treatment of 19 Rheumatology patients, however we are unable to confirm the diagnosis from the data available.

Some patients may have received more than one treatment for their condition and therefore may be counted more than once.

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 **613-18** 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.