

Freedom of Information request 103-19

Request

This is a freedom of information request relating to the use of the new biosimilar biologic therapies.

1. Does your trust use the following biosimilar biologic therapies, and if possible how many patients are currently being treated ?
 - Adalimumab [Hyrimoz] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Adalimumab [Amgevita] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Adalimumab [Imraldi] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Adalimumab [Hulio] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Etanercept [Benepali] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Etanercept [Erelzi] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Infliximab [Inflectra] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Infliximab [Remsima] No/Yes [if Yes number]
 - Infliximab [Flixabi] No/Yes [if Yes number]
2. Within your rheumatology department;
 - a. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a biologic or JAK2
 - b. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a DMARD [for example azathioprine, ciclosporin, methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or minocycline]
3. Within your dermatology department;
 - a. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a biologic or JAK2
 - b. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a DMARD [for example azathioprine, ciclosporin, methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or minocycline]
4. Within your gastroenterology department;
 - a. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a biologic or JAK2
 - b. how many patients in the year 2018 were treated with a DMARD [for example azathioprine, ciclosporin, methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or minocycline]
5. Does your trust record the DAS score electronically on the patient records?,
If so how many are DAS 5+ No/Yes [if Yes number]

Response

1. Please find data as per request below:
 - Adalimumab [Hyrimoz] No
 - Adalimumab [Amgevita] Yes [18]
 - Adalimumab [Imraldi] No
 - Adalimumab [Hulio] No
 - Etanercept [Benepali] Yes [108]
 - Etanercept [Erelzi] No
 - Infliximab [Inflectra] Yes [2]

- Infliximab [Remsima] Yes [18]
 - Infliximab [Flixabi] No
2. This information is not held electronically but may be available in a patient's notes. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.
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 5. No.

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 **103-19** 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.