

Freedom of Information request 190-22

Request

I wonder if you can help with regards to a Freedom of Information request I have for prescribing within your Health Board. If possible, could you please provide me with the numbers of patients with each of the following conditions (numbered 1-5) currently being prescribed the following drugs. If current information is not yet available then please could you provide me with the numbers for the last 3 months (or 12 months if 3 months is not possible).

Conditions :

1. Rheumatoid Arthritis
2. Psoriatic Arthritis
3. Non radiographic/ Axial SpA /Ankylosing Spondylarthritis
4. Crohns
5. Ulcerative Colitis

Drugs :

Abatacept
Adalimumab
Baricitinib
Certolizumab
Etanercept
Filgotinib
Golimumab
Infliximab
Ixekizumab
Rituximab
Sarilumab
Secukinumab
Tocilizumab
Tofacitinib
Upadacitinib
Risankizumab
Vedolizumab

Response

NHS Borders do not keep records of what condition is being treated on our Pharmacy systems, only which speciality the drug has been booked out to, so I have altered the table slightly to reflect this (based on the brand names):

Drug	Crohns	Non radiographic/ Axial SpA /Ankylosing Spondylarthritis	Psoriatic Arthritis	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Ulcerative Colitis
Abatacept				<5	
Adalimumab	17	<5	23	36	<5
Certolizumab				<5	
Etanercept			8	24	
Golimumab			<5	9	<5
Infliximab					<5
Sarilumab				<5	
Secukinumab			<5		
Tocilizumab				11	
Vedolizumab					5

Drugs from query list subsequently omitted in the table have a nil return)

Data covers Jan – March 22

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **190-22** 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.