

Freedom of Information request 336--22

Request

1. How many patients were treated in the last 12 months (for any disease) with:
 - a) Ethambutol + rifampicin + Clarithromycin/azithromycin
 - b) Ethambutol + rifampicin + Clarithromycin/azithromycin with the addition of injectable (IV) or nebulised Amikacin
2. How many patients have been diagnosed in the last 12 months for the following diseases?
 - a) Non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (ICD10 codes: A31.0/A31.9)
 - b) Bronchiectasis (ICD10 codes J47/Q33.4)
3. Which other hospital trust or health care professional would you contact if you require advice on non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) infections?
4. Do you discuss difficult to manage non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) patients as a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)?

Response

1.
 - a) <5 patients were treated with this combination in the last 12 months.
 - b) 0 patients were treated with this combination in the last 12 months.
2.
 - a) Non-tuberculosis mycobacteria have been isolated from specimens received from 10 patients in the period 01/07/21 to 30/06/22
 - b) This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
3. Lothian Health Board – Dr Anna Lithgow Consultant Respiratory Physician
4. We have a monthly MDT meeting in the Borders to discuss cases of TB and non tuberculous mycobacterial infections

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

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