

Freedom of Information request 387-23

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 :

Filgotinib
Rituximab
Tofacitinib
Adalimumab
Upadacitinib
Infliximab
Secukinumab
Risankizumab
Ixekizumab
Tocilizumab
Vedolizumab
Etanercept
Ustekeinumab

I have also attached tables below if that is useful.

	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Psoriatic Arthritis	Non radiographic/ Axial SpA /Ankylosing Spondylarthritis	Crohns	Ulcerative Colitis
Filgotinib					
Rituximab					
Tofacitinib					
Adalimumab					
Upadacitinib					
Infliximab					
Secukinumab					
Risankizumab					

Ixekizumab					
Tocilizumab					
Vedolizumab					
Etanercept					
Ustekeinumab					

	Rheumatology	GI
Filgotinib		
Rituximab		
Tofacitinib		
Adalimumab		
Upadacitinib		
Infliximab		
Secukinumab		
Risankizumab		
Ixekizumab		
Tocilizumab		
Vedolizumab		
Etanercept		
Ustekeinumab		

Response

The number of NHS Borders patients currently being treated with the drugs is:

	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Psoriatic Arthritis	Non radiographic/ Axial SpA /Ankylosing Spondylarthritis	Crohns	Ulcerative Colitis
Filgotinib	<5	0	0	0	0
Rituximab	0	0	0	0	0
Tofacitinib	0	0	0	0	0
Adalimumab	30	9	10	13	5
Upadacitinib	<5	0	<5	0	0
Infliximab	0	0	0	<5	7
Secukinumab	0	10	5	0	0
Risankizumab	0	0	0	0	0
Ixekizumab	0	0	0	0	0
Tocilizumab	6	0	0	0	0
Vedolizumab	0	0	0	<5	5
Etanercept	30	15	7	0	0
Ustekeinumab	0	0	0	7	0

The number of patients being treated in the last 3 months is:

	Rheumatology	Gastroenterology
Filgotinib	<5	0
Rituximab	0	0
Tofacitinib	0	0
Adalimumab	48	18
Upadacitinib	<5	0
Infliximab	0	10
Secukinumab	14	0
Risankizumab	0	0
Ixekizumab	0	0
Tocilizumab	6	0
Vedolizumab	0	7
Etanercept	52	0
Ustekinumab	0	7

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 **387-23** 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.