

FOI 3342

13th October 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Q1. How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust?

Response:

In order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of records/systems is required. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information, it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

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Q2. How many patients have been newly diagnosed with Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) in the past 3 months?

Response:

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Q3. How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)?

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Q4. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:

- **Tocilizumab – for any disease**
- **Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only**
- **Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only**

Response:

Current patients

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| • Tocilizumab – for any disease - | 59 |
| • Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only - | 38 |
| • Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only – | 19 |

Q5. In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:

- **Admitted as an inpatient**

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