

FOI 3559

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Question One: How many patients has your trust treated in the past six months (for any disease) with the following drugs:**

**Response:**

| <b><i>Drug Name</i></b>                               | <b><i>Patient Numbers</i></b> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Aubagio (teriflunomide)</b>                        | 0                             |
| <b>Avonex (interferon beta-1a)</b>                    | 0                             |
| <b>Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)</b>                 | 0                             |
| <b>Brabio (glatiramer acetate)</b>                    | 0                             |
| <b>Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)</b>                  | 0                             |
| <b>Extavia (beta interferon-1b)</b>                   | 0                             |
| <b>Gilenya (fingolimod)</b>                           | 0                             |
| <b>Kesimpta (ofatumumab)</b>                          | 0                             |
| <b>Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)</b>                         | 0                             |
| <b>Mavenclad (cladribine)</b>                         | 0                             |
| <b>Mayzent (siponimod)</b>                            | 0                             |
| <b>Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)</b>                          | 138                           |
| <b>Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)</b>               | 0                             |
| <b>Ponvory (ponesimod)</b>                            | 0                             |
| <b>Rebif (beta interferon-1a)</b>                     | 0                             |
| <b>Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)</b>                  | 0                             |
| <b>Tysabri (natalizumab)</b>                          | 33                            |
| <b>Tysabri (natalizumab) Pre-filled syringes only</b> | 29                            |
| <b>Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)</b>                  | 0                             |
| <b>Zeposia (ozanimod)</b>                             | 0                             |
| <b>Fingolimod generic</b>                             | 0                             |
| <b>Tyruko (Natalizumab Biosimilar)</b>                | 0                             |
| <b>Briumvi (ublituximab)</b>                          | 0                             |

**Question Two: How many patients has your trust treated with Rituximab for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in the past six months?**

**Response:** <5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves, and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition, the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

**Question Three: How many patients within your trust have a diagnosis of MS (Multiple Sclerosis)?**

**Response:**

We have a total of 1172 people with MS in Southern Trust. 23 people have received a new diagnosis in the past 6 months.

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