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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 11th September 2020. Your request sought information relating to biologic and biosimilar prescribing in Rheumatology.

This information covers the period 01.09.19 to 31.08.20.

Q1. How many patients have been treated with biologics or biosimilar products in the last 12 months for the following conditions?

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis** – 229 patients
- **Psoriatic Arthritis** – 87 patients
- **Ankylosing Spondylitis** – 77 patients
- **Non-Radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis** - <5* patients

Q2. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated by the rheumatology department (for any condition) in the last 12 months with the following drugs?

- **Abatacept [Orencia]** – 60 patients
- **Adalimumab [Amgevita]** – 0 patients
- **Adalimumab [Humira]** - 75 patients
- **Adalimumab [Hyrimoz]** - 0 patients
- **Adalimumab [Imraldi]** - 330 patients
- **Apremilast [Otezla]** - 23 patients
- **Baricitinib [Olumiant]** - 132 patients
- **Certolizumab [Cimzia]** - 52 patients



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- **Etanercept [Benepali]** - 377 patients
- **Etanercept [Enbrel]** - 118 patients
- **Etanercept [Erelzi]** - 0 patients
- **Golimumab [Simponi]** - 29 patients
- **Infliximab [Flixabi]** - 0 patients
- **Infliximab [Inflectra]** - 2 units *note that this medication is issued as a stock item to Rheumatology day unit, therefore full patient level data is not available within the Pharmacy stock control system.
- **Infliximab [Remicade]** – 1 unit * note that this medication is issued as a stock item to Rheumatology day unit, therefore full patient level data is not available within the Pharmacy stock control system.
- **Infliximab [Remsima]** - 6 (pre-filled pen)
- **Ixekizumab [Taltz]** - <5* patients
- **Rituximab [MabThera]** - <5* patients
- **Rituximab [Rixathon]** – 0 patients
- **Rituximab [Truxima]** - 0 units * note that this medication is issued as a stock item to Rheumatology day unit, therefore full patient level data is not available within the Pharmacy stock control system.
- **Sarilumab [Kevzara]** – 9 patients
- **Secukinumab [Cosentyx]** – 54 patients
- **Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]** – 83 units * note that the IV formulation of this product is issued as a stock item to Rheumatology day unit, therefore full patient level data is not available within the Pharmacy stock control system. Patient numbers specified are for the pre-filled pens/syringes.
- **Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]** – 40 patients
- **Upadacitinib [Rinvoq]** - 0 patients
- **Ustekinumab [Stelara]** - 8 patients

* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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