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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Your request sought information relating to neurology medication.

Please note that we have provided the information for the period 01.07.20 to 31.12.20.

**1. How many patients have been treated with the following drugs (for any disease) in the past 6 months:**

- **Aubagio (teriflunomide)** - 5
- **Avonex (interferon beta-1a)** - 11
- **Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)** - <5\*
- **Brabio (glatiramer acetate)** - 0
- **Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)** - 38
- **Extavia (beta interferon-1b)** - 0
- **Fampyra (fampridine)** - 16
- **Gilenya (fingolimod)** - 24
- **Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)** - <5\*
- **Mavenclad (cladribine)** - 6
- **Mayzent (siponimod)** - 0
- **Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)** - 113
- **Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)** - 36
- **Rebif (beta interferon-1a)** - 5
- **Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)** - 58
- **Tysabri (natalizumab)** - 61



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- **Zeposia (ozanimod)** - 0

**2. How many patients have been treated in the past 6 months for the following conditions:**

- **Multiple Sclerosis (any type)** - 1782
- **Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS)** - 881
- **Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS)** - 630
- **Primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS)** - 269

\* 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](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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**Director of Corporate Governance**

