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Dyddiad/Date: 16th September 2021
Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 21-I-002

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 3rd September 2021. Your request sought information relating to respiratory medication.

Please note that we have provided this information for the period 01.05.21 to 31.08.21.

1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last four months with:

- **Benralizumab** - 13
- **Dupilumab** - 91
- **Omalizumab** - 23 (please note that this is for Secondary Care only. This medication was also issued via Primary Care, but patient numbers are not held within our Primary Care systems.)
- **Reslizumab** - 33
- **Mepolizumab** - 14

2. Of the total patients treated in the last four months with any of the products listed in Q1, please can you provide the split of the number of patients in the following age groups:

- **Age 6-11**
Dupilumab - <5*
- **Age 12-17**
Dupilumab - <5*



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- **Age 18 and above**
Benralizumab - 13
Dupilumab - 86
Omalizumab - 23
Reslizumab - 33
Mepolizumab - 14

3. How many patients have been treated in the last four months for asthma ONLY with:

- **Dupilumab**

I can confirm that this information is not held centrally. Our Pharmacy systems do not hold medication data down to specific diagnosis level. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

*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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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. a. wenger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Pam Wenger
Director of Corporate Governance

