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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Your request sought information relating to Rheumatology treatment.

Please note that we have provided the information for the period 01.01.21 to 31.03.21.

**1. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated by the rheumatology department (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following drugs:**

- Abatacept [Orencia] - 74 (some ward stock will also be issued to Rheumatology day unit but we are unable to provide patient numbers for this)
- Adalimumab [Humira] - 98
- Adalimumab Biosimilars - 344
- Apremilast [Otezla] - 35
- Baricitinib [Olumiant] - 163
- Certolizumab [Cimzia] - 48
- Etanercept [Enbrel] - 121
- Etanercept Biosimilars - 399
- Filgotinib [Jyseleca] - 0
- Golimumab [Simponi] - 31
- Infliximab [Remicade] - 0 (some ward stock will also be issued to Rheumatology day unit but we are unable to provide patient numbers for this)
- Infliximab Biosimilars - 8 (some ward stock will also be issued to Rheumatology day unit but we are unable to provide patient numbers for this)
- Ixekizumab [Taltz] - 8



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- Rituximab [MabThera] - 0
- Rituximab Biosimilars - <5 (some ward stock will also be issued to Rheumatology day unit but we are unable to provide patient numbers for this)
- Sarilumab [Kevzara] - <5
- Secukinumab [Cosentyx] - 69
- Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra] - 9 (some ward stock will also be issued to Rheumatology day unit but we are unable to provide patient numbers for this)
- Tofacitinib [Xeljanz] - 34
- Upadacitinib [Rinvoq] - 27
- Ustekinumab [Stelara] - 11

**2. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated for Rheumatoid Arthritis ONLY in the last 3 months with the following drugs:**

Please note that we have only provided information for patients receiving medication via the Homecare Medicines Service. All other in-house supplies are issued as ward stock, therefore we cannot distinguish specific diagnosis or patient numbers.

- Abatacept [Orencia] - 65
- Adalimumab [Humira] - 30
- Adalimumab Biosimilars - 126
- Baricitinib [Olumiant] - 151
- Certolizumab [Cimzia] - 18
- Etanercept [Enbrel] - 76
- Etanercept Biosimilars - 249
- Filgotinib [Jyseleca] - 0
- Golimumab [Simponi] - 5
- Infliximab [Remicade] - 0
- Infliximab Biosimilars - 6
- Rituximab [MabThera] - 0
- Rituximab Biosimilars - 0
- Sarilumab [Kevzara] - <5
- Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra] - 66
- Tofacitinib [Xeljanz] - 16
- Upadacitinib [Rinvoq] - 26

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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