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NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10208

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

1. **How many new patients were treated for Asthma by the Trusts Respiratory Department in the latest 4 month period (August - November 2025) with the treatments I have provided below?**

   Please can you define a "new patient" as a patient who has received any of the treatments listed below for the first time. If a patient received any of the below treatments before the March 2025, they can be classed as a new patient for the purposes of this question.

Treatment	Total New Patients
Cinqaero (Reslizumab)	0
Dupixent (Dupilumab)	0
Fasenra (Benralizumab)	<5
Nucala (Mepolizumab)	0
Tezpire (Tezepelumab)	<5
Xolair (Omalizumab)	0

2. **How many new patients were treated for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) by the Trust's Respiratory Department in the latest 4-month period (August - November 2025) with the treatments I have provided below?**

   Please can you define a "new patient" as a patient who has received any of the treatments listed below for the first time. If a patient received any of the

below treatments before the March 2025, they can be classed as a new patient for the purposes of this question.

Treatment	Total New Patients
Dupixent (Dupilumab)	0
Nucala (Mepolizumab)	0

Low Numbers:
Where there are less than 5, we are unable to provide the exact information you require as this may enable the identification of our employees, members of the public or patients. This would constitute personal information and would be considered exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 (FOI Act) provides an exemption to disclosure, where disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection principles. This exemption is an absolute exemption that is not subject to the public interest test. Where the information relates to an individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data when added to other information, in the possession of, or likely to come into the possession of the data controller, this meets the definition of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team