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 Our Ref: TSD10255

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:

Question One:

How many patients has your trust treated in the past six months (for any disease) with the following drugs:

<i>Drug Name</i>	<i>Patient Numbers</i>
Aubagio (teriflunomide)	<5
Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	5
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	<5
Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	0
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	14
Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	0
Gilenya (fingolimod)	<5
Kesimpta (ofatumumab)	70
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	0
Mavenclad (cladribine)	9
Mayzent (siponimod)	13
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	91
Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)	<5
Ponvory (ponesimod)	5
Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	<5
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	<5
Tysabri (natalizumab)	14
Tysabri (natalizumab) Pre-filled syringes only	9
Vumerity (diroxime fumarate)	11
Zeposia (ozanimod)	0
Fingolimod generic	19
Tyruko (Natalizumab Biosimilar)	10
Briumvi (ublituximab)	<5

Question Two:

How many patients has your trust treated with Rituximab for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in the past six months?

We do not use this treatment for MS patients; it is reserved for selected other CNS neuroinflammatory non-MS cases, with <5 patients receive it.

Question Three:

How many patients within your trust have a diagnosis of MS (Multiple Sclerosis)?

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Question Four:

Of the patients with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, how many patients have a diagnosis of:

<i>Condition</i>	<i>Patient Numbers</i>
RRMS – Relapse Remitting Multiple Sclerosis	510
PPMS – Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	136
SPMS – Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	17

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