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Our Ref: TSD10785

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:

Q1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last 4 months with:

- Benralizumab: 52
- Dupilumab: 91
- Omalizumab: 43
- Reslizumab: 0
- Mepolizumab: <5
- Tezepelumab: 60

Q2. Of the patients treated in the last 4 months with any of the above products, please provide the number of patients by the following age-groups:

- Age 6-11
- Age 12-17
- Age 18 and above

We are unable to provide you with the information requested as it is not held electronically or in a central location.

Q3. How many patients have been treated in the last 4 months by the Respiratory Medicine department ONLY with:

- Dupilumab
- Omalizumab

We are unable to provide you with the information requested as it is not held electronically or in a central location.

Q4. How many patients have been treated in the last 4 months for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) with:

- **Dupilumab**
- **Mepolizumab**

We are unable to provide you with the information requested as it is not held electronically or in a central location.

Section 12:

The Trust does not hold the information requested in questions 2–4 in a readily reportable format. To identify and extract the information, we would need to manually review each relevant patient record as listed in question one.

We estimate that locating, retrieving and extracting this information would take more than 18 hours. Under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, the appropriate limit for the Trust is £450, calculated at £25 per hour, which is equivalent to 18 hours of staff time. The estimated cost of complying with questions 2–4 would therefore exceed the appropriate limit.

Accordingly, the Trust is relying on section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is not obliged to provide the information requested in questions 2–4.

In accordance with our duty to provide advice and assistance under section 16 of the Act, you may wish to submit a refined request with a narrower scope, for example by limiting it to one question, one medicine or a shorter time period. However, we cannot guarantee that a refined request would fall within the appropriate limit.

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.

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact us, quoting the FOI reference number above.

If you are unhappy with the way in which we have handled your request, please contact the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Lead in the first instance. If you wish to make a formal complaint, you should write to our Complaints Manager at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, First Floor Bowyer Building, Torbay Hospital, Torquay TQ2 7AA or by email to tsdft.feedback@nhs.net

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will only make a decision once you have exhausted the complaints and/or internal review process provided by us. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or through this link <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team