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NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10837

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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:

Please note for this request, we have used the date range of **January 2026 to March 2026**

1. **How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust?**
   60

2. **How many patients have been newly diagnosed with Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) in the past 3 months (Jan-March 2026)?**
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3. **How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)?**
   The only way of extracting this information would be to identify each individual patient treated by the Rheumatology department, obtain their medical records and then examine each record to establish the level of detail you have requested. We have estimated that this process would, combined with the time taken to provide information relevant to other parts of your request exceed the appropriate limit in accordance with S12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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4. **How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months (Jan-March 2026) with the following:**

- **Tocilizumab – for any disease**
- **Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only**
- **Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only**

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5. **How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months (Jan-March 2026) with Tocilizumab?**
   Zero

6. **How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months (Feb 2026 – April 2026) for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?**
   Zero

7. **In the past 3 months (Jan-March 2026), how many patients with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:**

- **Admitted as an inpatient** 52
- **Treated in A&E** Of those patients, 22 were admitted via ED

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team