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RE: Freedom of Information Request

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4th January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

Q1.Does your trust or health board treat giant cell arteritis (GCA)? If not, please provide the name of the hospital or trust that you refer GCA patients to.

Yes

Q2.In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:

- **Admitted as an inpatient**
5 Patients.
- **Treated in A&E**
13 Patients.

Q3.How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:

- **Tocilizumab – for any disease**
46 Patients
- **Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only**
1 Patient has been issued this medication, but we are unable identify if the drug in question was used to treat a specific diagnosis.
- **Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only**
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Q4.How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?

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Q5.How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team

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