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### Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 13/08/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

#### A. How many patients has your trust treated in the last 12 months with the following drugs?

Medication	Patients Treated
Genotropin	0
Humatrope	0
Norditropin	< 5
Nutropin	0
Omnitrope	0
Saizen	0
Zomacton	0
Any other Somatropin (please specify)	0

#### B. Please provide the number of patients under the age of 16 that were treated in the last 12 months with each of the following drugs:

- Genotropin
- Humatrope
- Norditropin
- Nutropin
- Omnitrope
- Saizen
- Zomacton
- Any other Somatropin (please specify)

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal

data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

**C. Within your trust, how many patients have been diagnosed (primary or secondary diagnosis) in the past 12 months for the following conditions:**

**Neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder (ICD-10 Code N31.9)**

93 patients within the Trust have been diagnosed with neuromuscular dysfunction of the bladder.

**Cervical dystonia (ICD-10 code G24.3) – 60**

60 patients within the Trust have been diagnosed with cervical dystonia.. Please note this data was collated using codes; G24.3, with G24.8 and G24.9, as advised by the Trust coding team.

**D. For patients diagnosed with neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder as per question c above, how many patients have been treated in the last 3 months with the following products:**

- Botox
- Dysport
- Xeomin

The Trust is only able to provide information in relation to drug dispensing, we do not record diagnoses on our clinical systems so therefore we are unable to link the type of drug to diagnosis.

To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

**E. For patients diagnosed with cervical dystonia as per question c above, how many patients have been treated in the last 3 months with the following products:**

- Botox
- Dysport
- Xeomin

Please see answer in question D.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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