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Dear

RE: 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 06/06/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

Q1. How many patients were treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

Please see below table.

Drugs	Patients
• Adalimumab - Humira	11
• Adalimumab Biosimilar	6
• Filgotinib	<5
• Golimumab	9
• Infliximab - Remicade	7
• Infliximab Biosimilar	0
• Ozanimod	0
• Tofacitinib	<5
• Upadacitinib	<5
• Ustekinumab	106
• Vedolizumab	122
• Vedolizumab Injections ONLY (pre-filled pens or syringes)	0

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.

Q2. If you are able to link patient treatment to a disease, could you please provide the number of patients treated in the last 3 months for Ulcerative Colitis ONLY with the following biologic drugs:

- Adalimumab - Humira
- Adalimumab Biosimilar
- Filgotinib
- Golimumab
- Infliximab - Remicade
- Infliximab Biosimilar
- Ozanimod
- Tofacitinib
- Upadacitinib
- Ustekinumab
- Vedolizumab
- Vedolizumab Injections ONLY (pre-filled pens or syringes)

Not applicable, 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.

Q3. Does your trust participate in clinical trials for the treatment of Ulcerative Colitis? If so, please provide the total number of patients taking part in any Ulcerative Colitis study.

Yes, our trust does participate in clinical trials for the treatment of Ulcerative Colitis. The total number of participants that have taken part in any Ulcerative Colitis study is 260.

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 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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