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## Biological Treatments on GCA and HS

**Q1. Could you please tell me how many patients were treated in the last 3 months for Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) with the following biologic drugs?**

- Adalimumab – Humira 19
- Adalimumab Biosimilar 26
- Bimekizumab <5
- Certolizumab <5
- Infliximab 7
- Secukinumab <5
- Ustekinumab <5

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low, <5. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable. This is because many of these drugs are high cost and prescribed on a named patient basis. Pharmaceutical companies, would be aware of this.

This is exempt from release under section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.

**Q2. In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of giant cell arteritis (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were?**

- Admitted as an inpatient –
- Treated in A&E

There is a 3 month lag with Clinical Coding, the information requested above for the past 3 months is not available.

Data from October 23 and before is available if required.

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

- Tocilizumab – for any disease 198
- Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only 62
- Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only 22

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**Q4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?**

Only one patient was treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab.

**Q5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months (for any disease) with Tocilizumab?**

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