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## **Prescribing of Neurotoxins**

**1. Prescription of Neurotoxins: Does the Trust prescribe Neurotoxins for patient treatment?**

Yes.

**2. Types of Neurotoxins Prescribed: If yes, which Neurotoxins are currently prescribed? (Please indicate all that apply)**

- **Botox:** Yes.
- **Dysport:** Yes.
- **Xeomin:** No.
- **Myobloc:** Yes.
- **Other (please specify):** No.

**3. Departments Prescribing Neurotoxins:**

**Which departments or clinics within the Trust prescribe Neurotoxins?  
(Please indicate all that apply or add any others)**

- **Neurology:** Yes.
- **Urology:** Yes.
- **Dermatology:** No.
- **Rehabilitation Medicine:** Yes.
- **Pain Management / Anaesthetics:** No.
- **Ophthalmology:** Yes
- **Gastroenterology:** Yes.
- **Maxillofacial Surgery/Dentistry:** No.
- **General Surgery/Orthopaedics:** Yes.
- **Other (please specify):** Colorectal, ENT, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Nephrology, Neurosurgery, Paediatric ENT, Paediatric Neurology, Paediatric Surgery, Paediatric Plastics, Paediatrics, Respiratory Medicine, Stroke, Upper GI and Vascular.

**4. Patient Treatment Data: Please provide the number of patients treated with each Neurotoxin in the last 12 months? (February 2024 to February 2025).**

- **Botox:**
- **Dysport:**
- **Xeomin:**

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- **Myobloc:**
- **Other (please specify):**

From 01 February 2024 to 28 February 2025 there have been 481 patients treated with high cost neurotoxic drugs, which would include those named above. \* Please see note below.

Notes:-

\* An audit of individual patient records would be required to provide a breakdown of drug types administered for question 4. In line with Section 12: Fees Limit – 18 hours. The Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the “appropriate limit” as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. The process would take longer than 18 hours of staff time, which is the statutory limit placed on requests by the Information Commissioner’s Office. To undertake this exercise this would involve a manual trawl of individual records which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

**5. Departmental Breakdown: (February 2024 to February 2025). Please break this down by department:**

- **Neurology**
- **Urology**
- **Dermatology**
- **Rehabilitation Medicine**
- **Pain Management / Anaesthetics**
- **Ophthalmology**
- **Gastroenterology**
- **Maxillofacial Surgery/Dentistry**
- **General Surgery/Orthopaedics**
- **Other (please specify):**

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of patients</b>
Colorectal	<5
ENT	10
Gastroenterology	18
General Surgery	51
Geriatric Medicine	<5
Gynaecology	113
Nephrology	<5
Neurology	7
Neurosurgery	<5
Paediatric ENT	8
Paediatric Neurology	54
Paediatric Surgery	9
Paediatric Plastics	<5
Paediatrics	<5

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Paediatric Orthopaedics	<5
Plastic Surgery	<5
Rehabilitation Medicine	8
Respiratory Medicine	<5
Trauma & Orthopaedics	38
Stroke	22
Urology	130
Upper GI	<5
Vascular Surgery	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>

Cell sizes less than 5 have been masked to protect patient confidentiality.

N.B. We are not able to provide the information requested. Due to low numbers of <5 would reduce numbers to discoverable limits, we consider that individuals could be identified and disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under FOI Act Section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

## **6. Private Patient Treatments:**

### **Number of private patients treated within the Trust with Neurotoxins:**

#### **Number of private migraine patients treated with Neurotoxins**

- Neurology - None of the Neurology Consultants are involved in private administration of botulinum toxin.
- Urology – None.
- Dermatology – None.
- Rehabilitation Medicine – None and no private patients seen and treated within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust or outsourced to Private Patients by Orthopaedics.
- Pain Management / Anaesthetics – None, we do not prescribe neurotoxins for treatment.
- Ophthalmology – None.
- Gastroenterology – None. We do not treat Private Patients in GI in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. They are all NHS patients.
- Maxillofacial Surgery/Dentistry – None.
- General Surgery – None.
- Orthopaedics – None and no private patients seen and treated within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust or outsourced to Private Patients by Orthopaedics.
- Other (please specify): Paediatrics – None and no patients treated privately by the team for children with Neurodisability. No patients treated with botulinum toxin for migraine. All injections are carried out in Musgrave, Withers 2B.

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**7. Outsourcing of Neurotoxin Injections:**

**Does the Trust outsource Neurotoxin injections to another provider, or are all injections performed in-house? If outsourced, which provider is used?**

- Neurology – No.
- Urology – No.
- Dermatology – No.
- Rehabilitation Medicine – No.
- Pain Management / Anaesthetics – No.
- Ophthalmology – No.
- Gastroenterology – No.
- Maxillofacial Surgery/Dentistry – No.
- General Surgery – No.
- Other (please specify): Paediatrics – No.