

14 May 2026

## Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA)

1. How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust?

ICD10 M31.5	111
ICD10 M31.6	238

2. How many patients have been newly diagnosed with Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) in the past 3 months?

There were 9 patients newly diagnosed in the past 3 months (1 February 2026 to 1 May 2026)

3. How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)?

In the last 3 months (1 February 2026 to 1 May 2026), the Rheumatology Department saw 56 patients with this condition

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

Tocilizumab for any disease	164
Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only	83
Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only	26

5. 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

In the past 3 months, there were no hospital admissions for Giant Cell Arteritis. These patients are reviewed as outpatients.

### Treated in A&E

Between 1 February 2026 and 1 May 2026, <5 patients were treated in the Emergency Department for Giant Cell Arteritis (M31.5 & M31.6)

**Use of <5 (less than five):** We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.