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Immunoglobulin Drugs

I would like to submit an FOI request for the volume of Immunoglobulin distributed at Belfast Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust in each month for October, November, and December 2023, broken down by product (see below). If the volume by brand is not available, I would like to request the number of vials distributed by brand

I would also like to request the number of patients in NHS Foundation Trust by brand if available

BHSCT Ig grams issued by product October – December 2023

	Number of grams issued		
	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23
Vigam	0	0	0
Flebogamma DIF	0	0	140
Gammaplex	0	0	0
Gamunex	880	790	605
Octagam	1204	1375	1244
Kiovig	990	722.5	1211
Intratect	1125	1740	975
Privigen	5042.5	4015	3202.5
Iqymune	1747	1075	1677
Gammanorm	0	0	0
Subcuvia	0	0	0
Subgam	0	0	0
Hizentra	1142	924	618
HyQvia	1660	1495	2170
Cuvitru	1146	1090	730
Panzyga	0	0	0
Xembify	0	0	0
Cutaquig	710	400	252
Yimmugo	Not available in UK		
Efgartigimod	Not an immunoglobulin. None issued.		

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Number of BHSCCT patients issued Ig by product October – December 2023

	Number of BHSCCT patients issued by product from 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023
Cutaquig	21
Cuvitru	28
Gammanorm	0
Gammagard	0
Gammaplex	0
Gamunex	13
Hizentra	23
Hyqvia	36
Intratect	32
Iqymune	33
Kiovig	27
Privigen	88
Octagam	27
Panzyga	0
Subgam	0
Flebogamma 5%	<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.