**FOI Ref: 6011**

**Category(ies): Clinical - Drugs**

**Subject: Biologis Drugs**

**Date Received: 10/09/2021**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| A. Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:* Adalimumab - Humira
* Adalimumab Biosimilar
* Filgotinib
* Golimumab
* Infliximab - Remicade
* Infliximab Biosimilar
* Tofacitinib
* Ustekinumab
* Vedolizumab
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| B.  How many patients were treated in the last 3 months for Crohn’s Disease ONLY with the following biologic drugs:* Adalimumab - Humira
* Adalimumab Biosimilar
* Golimumab
* Infliximab - Remicade
* Infliximab Biosimilars
* Ustekinumab
* Vedolizumab
 | ‘A further breakdown is not available without accessing each individual patient record – this would exceed the allowable time limits under FOIA’ and then ‘*To process your request would exceed the appropriate time/cost limit under Section 12(1) of the FOI Act.**Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the ‘appropriate limit’, as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request by undertaking a manual review of all the documents would significantly exceed the above limit.’* |