

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-553	2023
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Your request

You requested the following:

1. Does your trust or health board treat giant cell arteritis (GCA)? If not, please provide the name of the hospital or trust that you refer GCA patients to.
2. 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
 - Treated in A&E
3. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:
 - Tocilizumab – for any disease
 - Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only
 - Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only
4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?
5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

Our response

1. Yes.
2. Our response is provided in the table below:

Admitted as an inpatient	Treated in A&E
1	0

3. We are not able to provide information on the treatment drugs prescribed to individual patients as it is not recorded centrally. To comply with your request, we would need to review every patient record which we have established would take in excess of 18 hours to undertake and therefore exceeds the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently £450. This is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test.
4. None.
5. None.