

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_60_22

You asked:

Could you please provide the numbers of patients treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department for any medical condition, and if possible, for Ulcerative Colitis, with the following biologic drugs:

Treatments	Total Gastroenterology Patients	Ulcerative Colitis Patients
Adalimumab - Humira		
Adalimumab Biosimilar		
Filgotinib		
Golimumab		
Infliximab - Remicade		
Infliximab Biosimilar		
Ozanimod		
Tofacitinib		
Ustekinumab		
Vedolizumab		

Our response:

Please find below a table populated with the number of patients treated recorded by Medicines Management during the period of November 2021 to January 2022. The information provided relates mainly to the Merthyr & Cynon and Rhondda Taff Ely Localities of the Health Board. However, where data has been available for the Bridgend Locality this has been included. Bridgend Locality biologics for the majority of Gastroenterology patients are supplied by services within Swansea Bay University Health Board. For further information you will need to contact them directly via the following email address: FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a split of the data by condition as this information is not at present recorded by Medicines Management.

Treatments	Total Gastroenterology Patients
Adalimumab - Humira	5
Adalimumab Biosimilar	126
Filgotinib	0
Golimumab	**
Infliximab - Remicade	**
Infliximab Biosimilar	184
Ozanimod	
Tofacitinib	6
Ustekinumab	62
Vedolizumab	114

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.