

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_470_23

You asked:

Q1. 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.

Yes - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board does treat giant cell arteritis (GCA).

Q2. 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 - We can confirm that in the past 3 months (July – Sept), zero patients have been admitted as an inpatient with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)

Treated in A&E - We would not be able to identify if a patient was 'treated for' GCA in A&E. However, to assist you with your request we have looked for GCA as the presenting complaint in case a patient came into A&E knowing their condition causing issues, but none were found.

Q3. 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

Tocilizumab – for any disease – 88 patients

Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only

Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only

Individual conditions are not recorded on pharmacy systems. Therefore, we are unable to provide.

*We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Q4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?

*Please see response to question 3.

Q5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

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