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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_456_24

You asked:

**Question 1: Does Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board treat patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis)? If No, please see question 2
If Yes, please see questions 3 & 4**

Yes.

Question 2: If Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board does not treat Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis) are patients referred to a tertiary/ specialist treatment centre?

N/A.

Question 3: Does Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board have local guidelines/ clinical pathways/ protocols (including shared care protocols) for the treatment of patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis)?

We can confirm that the Health Board refers to the British Society for Rheumatology (BSR) guidance for the treatment of patients diagnosed with Lupus.

Question 4: How many patients were treated at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board for Lupus using belimumab in 2023?

Less than 5.

Please note exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved. This is due to the potential risk of identification if we released the number of patients for the specific year who have been admitted with this condition, which might then be linked with other information available in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. Therefore, 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.

Question 5: How many patients were treated at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board for Lupus using rituximab in 2023?

Please see response to question 4.

Question 6: How many patients were treated at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board for Lupus using voclosporin in 2023?

Zero.