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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Multiple sclerosis.

You asked:

1. How many patients has your trust/health board treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with the following drugs:

- a. Aubagio (teriflunomide)*
- b. Avonex (interferon beta-1a)*
- c. Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)*
- d. Brabio (glatiramer acetate)*
- e. Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)*
- f. Extavia (beta interferon-1b)*
- g. Gilenya (fingolimod)*
- h. Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)*
- i. Kesimpta (ofatumumab)*
- j. Mavenclad (cladribine)*
- k. Mayzent (siponimod)*
- l. Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)*
- m. Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)*
- n. Ponvory (ponesimod)*
- o. Rebif (beta interferon-1a)*
- p. Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)*
- q. Tysabri (natalizumab)*
- r. Tysabri (natalizumab) pre-filled syringes ONLY*
- s. Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)*
- t. Zeposia (ozanimod)*

2. It would also be very helpful if you could advise how many hospital patients seen in the past 6 months (as inpatients or outpatients) have a diagnosis for the following conditions:

- a. Multiple sclerosis (any type)*

- b. Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS)*
- c. Primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS)*
- d. Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS)*

Trust response:

1. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foiresponses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Pharmacy dropdown.

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Pharmacy dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information.

The information for April 2022 to September 2022 is currently being updated and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

2.

a. The Trust has had a total 314 inpatients with Multiple Sclerosis over the last 6 months. We are unable to provide the figures for Outpatients as these are not coded.

b. c. & d.

There is one code used for all forms of Multiple Sclerosis. It may be possible that this information has been entered into a patients record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.