

## Rheumatology Treatments

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Dear Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust,*

*It would be really helpful if you could provide the numbers of patients treated by the rheumatology department (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following drugs in the usage of biologic and biosimilar products within Rheumatology.:*

<u>Treatment</u>	<u>No. of Patients</u>
<i>Abatacept [Orencia]</i>	8
<i>Adalimumab [Humira]</i>	27
<i>Adalimumab Biosimilars</i>	290
<i>Apremilast [Otezla]</i>	9
<i>Baricitinib [Olumiant]</i>	86
<i>Certolizumab [Cimzia]</i>	75*
<i>Etanercept [Enbrel]</i>	7
<i>Etanercept Biosimilars</i>	123
<i>Filgotinib [Jyseleca]</i>	38
<i>Golimumab [Simponi]</i>	99
<i>Guselkumab [Tremfya]</i>	≤5
<i>Infliximab [Remicade]</i>	≤5
<i>Infliximab Biosimilars</i>	23
<i>Ixekizumab [Taltz]</i>	14
<i>Risankizumab [Skyrizi]</i>	≤5*
<i>Rituximab [MabThera]</i>	Nil
<i>Rituximab Biosimilars</i>	39
<i>Sarilumab [Kevzara]</i>	6*
<i>Secukinumab [Cosentyx]</i>	26
<i>Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]</i>	11
<i>Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]</i>	20
<i>Upadacitinib [Rinvoq]</i>	107
<i>Ustekinumab [Stelara]</i>	≤5*

Answer: Please see table above; note the numbers provided above are only partially validated, \*asterisked figures have been specifically confirmed by the specialist pharmacist to have been administered by the

Trust. However, due to a change in how reports are run within the EHR new system, and the recent integration of trusts we are unable to provide a truly validated position within the time constraints of an FOI request.

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases  $\leq 5$  is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.