

Gastroenterology Drugs

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Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st 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).

I have a freedom of information query regarding the use of Biologic medicines in Gastroenterology. Could you please answer the following two questions:

Q1. How many patients were treated in the last 3 months by the Gastroenterology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

	Trust Total
Adalimumab - Humira	10
Adalimumab Biosimilar	328
Filgotinib	22
Golimumab	5
Infliximab - Remicade	0
Infliximab Biosimilar	173
Ozanimod	0
Tofacitinib	67
Upadacitinib	35
Ustekinumab	162
Vedolizumab	140

Q2. If you are able to link patient treatment to a disease, could you please provide the number of patients treated in the last 3 months for Crohn's Disease ONLY with the following biologic drugs:*

[*] We cannot say that these patients were treated specifically for this condition, just that they were prescribed a drug and that they also have been diagnosed with this condition

	Trust Total
Adalimumab - Humira	9
Adalimumab Biosimilar	278
Golimumab	<5
Infliximab - Remicade	<5
Infliximab Biosimilar	161
Upadacitinib	8
Ustekinumab	140
Vedolizumab	35

<5

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients/staff is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients/staff and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤ 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wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.