

Date: **25 November 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5265**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your requests for information below:

Your Request

Are you able to provide me with copies of all responses you have previously provided to any Freedom of Information requests you have received regarding prescribing information for biologics and/or biosimilars, immunology, anti-TNF or JAK inhibitors, and rheumatoid arthritis or rheumatology treatments?

Our Request for Information

We requested you to provide further clarification to enable your request to be further processed. You were asked to define the time period you are requesting, for example, last three calendar years or financial years?

Your Response to Our Request for Clarification

Thank you for your reply. I would like to request information from 2016 to the present, if possible.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') does not centrally record the information formatted into the categories you have specified for prescribing treatments. The FOI Team have carried out a reasonable search of the FOI system for processing requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. We have also refined a search of the filters using key words from the categories specified for the period you have clarified. We have managed to identify and locate the following FOI responses matching the information requested covering the period 01/01/2016 – June 2019 (which is up to the date your clarification was received on 06/06/2019). We have managed to identify and extract the following responses matching the information requested:

2016

FOIRQ3033

FOIRQ3224

2017

FOIRQ3562

FOIRQ3639

FOIRQ4076

2018 -2019

FOIRQ4932

FOIRQ5510

FOIRQ5123

For the Trust to conduct a wider search of the categories you have specified would mean contacting a minimum of six departments to carry out local searches of the systems to locate and extract information from their records. We have estimated the amount of time for each department to carry out the work would require the same amount of time the FOI Team have already taken to complete your request for information. We have estimated for further work to be carried would exceed the 18 hour cost limit stipulated for processing a request for information under Section 12 (Cost Limit) of the FOIA.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows the Trust to refuse a request where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for Section 12 purposes is defined by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 - SI 2004 No. 3244 ('Fees Regulation').

Under regulation 3 of the Fees Regulation the appropriate cost limit for the Trust is £450. The Fees Regulation also states that all authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded, if it would require more than 18 hours' work for the Trust to carry out the following activities in complying with the request:

- determining whether the information is held
- locating the information, or a document containing it;
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helped to answer any issues, concerns or questions. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received to your request for information, please contact the FOI team and quote your reference number on all correspondence relating to your request.

You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
Great Ormond Street Hospital
LONDON
WC1N 3JH

If you are still not satisfied with your response, you also have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF