

18 June 2019

Our Ref: RFI 28889

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Pharmaceutical Treatments**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 20 May 2019.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. Within your health board how many patients are, within the past 6 months that you have data available, being treated with the following treatments. This is regardless for the disease being treated.

- a) Disodium pamidronate (Aredia)**
- b) Ibandronic acid or ibandronate (Bondronat)**
- c) Sodium clodronate (Bonafos, Clasteon, Loron)**
- d) Zoledronic acid or zoledronate (Zometa)**
- e) Denosumab (Xgeva)**
- f) Omalizumab [Xolair]**
- g) Mepolizumab [Nucala]**
- h) Reslizumab [Cinqaero]**
- i) Benralizumab [Fasenra]**

- A1 a) - d) Electronic prescribing data is not available for these medicines and the Trust is unable to determine the number of individual patients receiving treatment.
- e) 43 patients.
- f) 8 patients.
- g) – i) Not in use.

Q2. How many paediatric patients have been treated in the last 6 months with Xolair/omalizumab?

- A2. None.