

Information Governance

29th June 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51609

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Drug Treatments in relation to Various Conditions**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 7 June 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Office of the Medical Director 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

**Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer**

Q1. I would be grateful if you could send me copies of all responses you have previously provided to any Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received regarding the numbers of patients treated or prescribed with immunology drugs.

FOI requests made in the year 2023 with any of the following criteria:

- **Crohn's Disease**
- **Ulcerative Colitis**
- **Psoriatic Arthritis**
- **Psoriasis**
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis**
- **Ankylosing Spondylitis**
- **Hidradenitis Suppurativa and related conditions**

A1. The Trust have received 7 Freedom of Information (FOI) requests from the 1 January 2023 to 28 June 2023 in relation to the above listed categories.

Please note that not each FOI request mentions a condition specific to your request, however they relate to any condition treated within the Trusts Dermatology and Rheumatology Departments.

Please see Attachments 1, 2, 3 & 4 which are FOI requests received in the Trust and the final responses issued.

Please note that third party identifiable information has been blackened out (removed) where consent has not been obtained.

Please be advised that 3 of the 7 FOI requests received are currently under review with the relevant service and awaiting a response, therefore there is no response to provide to you at this time.