

06 October 2022

Our Ref: RFI 42351

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to new Biologic Medications in Gastroenterology.**

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 17 December 2021. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions 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. How many patients were treated in November 2021 (or latest available month) by the gastroenterology department with the following drugs listed in Table 1.

A1. Due to the time elapsed since the Trust received your request, please see Table 1 showing the number of patients treated by the gastroenterology department for the time period 1 August 2022 to 31 August 2022.

Table 1

Treatment	No. of Patients Treated
Adalimumab (any brand or biosimilar)	200
Infliximab (any brand or biosimilar)	236
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	143
Vedolizumab (Entyvio)	82
Tofacitinib (Xeljanz)	7
Filgotinib (Jyseleca)	Nil

Q2. How many patients were treated in November 2021 (or latest available month) for Crohn's Disease ONLY with the following drugs listed in Table 2.

A2. Please see Table 2 showing the number of patients treated for Crohn's Disease only for the time period 1 August 2022 to 31 August 2022.

Table 1

Treatment	No. of Patients Treated
Adalimumab (any brand or biosimilar)	139
Infliximab (any brand or biosimilar)	154
Ustekinumab (Stelara)	123
Vedolizumab (Entyvio)	31