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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to prescribing.

Question:

1. How many patients has your trust treated in the past six months (for any disease) with the following drugs:

Answer:

November 2024 - April 2025	
Medication	Patient Count
Alemtuzumab (Brand Not Specified)	Information Unavailable
Cladribine (Brand Not Specified)	0
Cladribine (Mavenclad)	5<
Dimethyl Fumarate (Brand Not Specified)	359
Dimethyl Fumarate (Skilarence)	6
Dimethyl Fumarate (Tecfidera)	Information Unavailable
Diroximel Fumarate (Vumerity)	32
Fingolimod (Brand Not Specified)	87
Glatiramer Acetate (Brabio)	43
Glatiramer Acetate (Copaxone)	5<
Interferon Beta 1a (Avonex)	10
Interferon Beta 1a (Rebif)	5<
Interferon Beta 1b (Betaferon)	0
Interferon Beta 1b (Extavia)	0
Natalizumab (Tysabri) - Pre Filled Syringe	Information Unavailable
Natalizumab (Tysabri) - Other (Not Pre Filled Syringe)	Information Unavailable
Natalizumab (Tyruko)	0

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Ocrelizumab (Ocrevus)	Information Unavailable
Ofatumumab (Kesimpta)	183
Ozanimod (Zeposia)	13
Peginterferon Beta 1a (Plegridy)	57
Ponesimod (Ponvory)	0
Siponimod (Mayzent)	35
Teriflunomide (Aubagio)	39
Teriflunomide (Brand Not Specified)	0

Question:

2. How many patients has your trust treated with Rituximab for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in the past six months?

4. Of the patients with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, how many patients have a diagnosis of:

RRMS – Relapse Remitting Multiple Sclerosis
PPMS – Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis
SPMS – Secondary Progressive Multiple

Answer:

This information is not held in a centrally extractable format due to being diagnosis specific. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

Question:

3. How many patients within your trust have a diagnosis of MS (Multiple Sclerosis)?

Answer:

As at 31 March 2025 there were 3,185 patients diagnosed.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the

Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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