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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRESCRIBING

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

We are unable to provide patient numbers across the board as CMM data is largely non patient identifiable, therefore the quantity issued as dose units (where dose unit is specified as a single vial) has been provided.

Question:

1. **Prescription of Neurotoxins:**

Does the Trust prescribe neurotoxins for patient treatment? (Yes/No)

Answer:

Yes

Question:

2. **Types of Neurotoxins Prescribed:**

- If yes, which neurotoxins are currently prescribed? (Please indicate all that apply)

Answer:

- Botox Yes
- Dysport Yes
- Xeomin Yes
- Myobloc No
- Other (please specify): N/A

Question:

3. **Departments Prescribing Neurotoxins:**

Which departments or clinics within the Trust prescribe neurotoxins? (Please indicate all that apply or add any others)

Headquarters  
Mainpoint  
102 West Port  
Edinburgh EH3 9DN

Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE  
Chief Executive Professor Caroline Hiscox  
*Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board*

Answer:

We are unable to answer the question fully as posed as our system set up does not define departments/specialties in this way. The list of areas we have prescribing neurotoxins is:

Anaesthetics & Theatres (Acute)
Cancer (Acute)
Cardio Thoracic Resp RIE (Acute)
Children & Young People Hosp (Acute)
DCN Neurosciences (Acute)
Dermatology (Acute)
Endoscopy (Acute)
Imaging - Radiology (Acute)
MoE WGH & Stroke (Acute)
Ophthalmology (Acute)
Outpatients (Acute)
REH MMT East Lothian Partnership
REH MMT Edinburgh Partnership
REH MMT Oral Health
SJH Medicine (Acute)
SJH Surgery (Acute)
Urology (Acute)
Women (Acute)

Question:

**4. Patient Treatment Data:**

Please provide the number of patients treated with each neurotoxin in the last 12 months?

Answer:

We are unable to provide patient numbers as these medicines issues are not patient identifiable on our system, therefore number of dose units issued has been provided (dose unit is defined as a single vial).

- Botox: 2,550
- Dysport: 14
- Xeomin: 1,705
- Myobloc: 0
- Other (please specify): 0

Question:

**5. Departmental Breakdown:**

Answer:

As per notes for Q3/Q4 – this is quantity in dose units by specialty as set up on our system.

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Specialty/Area	Botulinum (Botox)	Botulinum (Dysport)	Botulinum (Xeomin)
Anaesthetics & Theatres (Acute)	547	0	0
Cancer (Acute)	17	0	5<
Cardio Thoracic Resp RIE (Acute)	0	5<	0
Children & Young People Hosp (Acute)	116	0	0
DCN Neurosciences (Acute)	1,023	0	792
Dermatology (Acute)	145	0	0
Endoscopy (Acute)	47	0	0
Imaging - Radiology (Acute)	0	10	0
MoE WGH & Stroke (Acute)	0	0	22
Ophthalmology (Acute)	108	0	11
Outpatients (Acute)	67	0	5<
REH MMT East Lothian Partnership	48	0	793
REH MMT Edinburgh Partnership	0	0	80
REH MMT Oral Health	26	0	0
SJH Medicine (Acute)	9	0	0
SJH Surgery (Acute)	250	5<	0
Urology (Acute)	27	0	0
Women (Acute)	120	0	0

Question:

**6. Private Patient Treatments:**

- Number of private patients treated within the Trust with neurotoxins:
- Number of private migraine patients treated with neurotoxins

Answer:

Not applicable – we do not treat patients privately within NHS Lothian

Question:

**7. Outsourcing of Neurotoxin Injections:**

- Does the Trust outsource neurotoxin injections to another provider, or are all injections performed in-house? If outsourced, which provider is used?

Answer:

No.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the tables above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

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.

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Yours sincerely

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