

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MS PRESCRIBING

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

Question:

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

Answer:

July 2025 - December 2025	
Medication	Patient Count
Alemtuzumab (Brand Not Specified)	Information Unavailable
Cladribine (Brand Not Specified)	Information Unavailable
Cladribine (Mavenclad)	6
Dimethyl Fumarate (Brand Not Specified)	335
Dimethyl Fumarate (Skilarence)	5<
Dimethyl Fumarate (Tecfidera)	Information Unavailable
Diroximel Fumarate (Vumerity)	34
Fingolimod (Brand Not Specified)	81
Glatiramer Acetate (Brabio)	45
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

Ocrelizumab (Ocrevus)	Information Unavailable
Ofatumumab (Kesimpta)	223
Ozanimod (Zeposia)	10
Peginterferon Beta 1a (Plegridy)	57
Ponesimod (Ponvory)	0
Siponimod (Mayzent)	35
Teriflunomide (Aubagio)	0
Teriflunomide (Brand Not Specified)	43
Ublituximab (Briumvi)	Information Unavailable

Question:

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

Answer:

There have been five or fewer.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in this response. 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).

Question:

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

Answer:

There are approximately 3,000.

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. 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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