

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRESCRIBING

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

Question:

1. How many patients were treated with the following drugs from the following departments (for any disease) from the start of January 2026 to the end of March 2026?

If Rheumatology cannot provide historic data, a snapshot of those currently being treated would be helpful. *Please use the latest available 3 months if January to March is not available and specify which 3 months has been used.*

Answer:

Medication	January 2026 - March 2026	
	Dermatology	Rheumatology
Adalimumab	334	1301
Bimekizumab	11	42
Brodalumab	0	0
Certolizumab Pegol	5<	183
Deucravacitinib	0	0
Etanercept	9	696
Etrasimod	0	0
Filgotinib	0	313
Golimumab	0	17
Guselkumab	67	15
Infliximab (Biosimilars)	0	Information Unavailable
Infliximab (Remicade)	0	Information Unavailable
Ixekizumab	12	7

Mirikizumab	0	0
Ozanimod	0	0
Risankizumab	77	5<
Secukinumab	30	261
Tildrakizumab	5<	0
Tofacitinib	0	29
Upadacitinib	42	278
Ustekinumab	103	6
Vedolizumab	0	0

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