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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRESCRIBING

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

Question:

- How many patients were treated in **total** regardless of diagnosis with the following drugs between **1st April 2026 and 30th June 2026**, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?

Answer:

April 2026 - June 2026	
Medication	Patient Count
Adalimumab	2335
Abrocitinib	25
Apremilast	36
Baricitinib	88
Bimekizumab	53
Brodalumab	0
Certolizumab Pegol	193
Deucravacitinib	5<
Dupilumab	304
Etanercept	689
Guselkumab	110
Infliximab	Information Unavailable
Ixekizumab	19
Lebrikizumab	51
Nemolizumab	0
Risankizumab	Information Unavailable
Secukinumab	292
Tildrakizumab	5<

Tralokinumab	11
Ustekinumab	Information Unavailable

Question:

2. How many patients were treated by the **Dermatology** or **Rheumatology** Departments or Clinics with the following drugs between **1st April 2026 and 30th June 2026**, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?

Answer:

Medication	April 2026 - June 2026	
	Patient Count in Dermatology Department	Patient Count in Rheumatology Department
Adalimumab	337	1312
Apremilast	21	15
Baricitinib	5<	84
Bimekizumab	7	46
Brodalumab	0	0
Certolizumab Pegol	5<	189
Etanercept	12	660
Guselkumab	70	15
Infliximab	0	Information Unavailable
Ixekizumab	12	7
Risankizumab	77	5<
Secukinumab	28	260
Ustekinumab	120	5<

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).

Question:

3. How many patients with **Plaque Psoriasis** or **Psoriatic Arthritis** across all departments were treated with the following drugs between **1st April 2026 and 30th June 2026**, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?

4. How many patients with **Atopic Dermatitis** across all departments were treated with the following drugs between **1st April 2026 and 30th June 2026**, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?
5. How many patients with **Hidradenitis Suppurativa** across all departments were treated with the following drugs between **1st April 2026 and 30th June 2026**, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?

Answer:

I am advised that these questions are diagnosis specific and we do not collect this data in a centrally extractable format.

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.

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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