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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GASTROENTEROLOGY PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Gastroenterology prescribing. Please note that there are no Trusts within the HS in Scotland.

Question:

- How many new patients were treated by the Trust's Gastroenterology Department in the latest 3 month period of May, June and July (or the latest 3 months available) with the treatments I have provided below?

  Please can you define a "new patient" as a patient who has received any of the treatments listed below for the first time. If a patient received any of the below treatments before the 1st December 2025 but did not receive any of the treatments between December 2025 and May 2026, they can be classed as a new patient for the purposes of this question.

Answer:

For patients treated with specified medicines within NHS Lothian services from May 2026 - July 2026, below patient counts for those not treated in the previous period (December 2025 - April 2026) with specified medications.	
Medication	**Total Gastroenterology Department**
Adalimumab [Humira]	5<
Adalimumab [All Biosimilar]	21
Etrasimod	5<
Filgotinib	14
Golimumab [Simponi]	0
Golimumab [All Biosimilar]	0
Guselkumab	5<
Infliximab [Remicade]	0
Infliximab [All Biosimilar]	Information Unavailable
Mirikizumab	0

Ozanimod	0
Risankizumab	9
Tofacitinib	5<
Upadacitinib	16
Ustekinumab [Stelara]	0
Ustekinumab [All Biosimilar]	Information Unavailable
Vedolizumab	Information Unavailable

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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