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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – IMMUNOLOGY TREATMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to immunology treatment in NHS Lothian.

Question:

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

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below.

Patients treated, July – September 2026, NHS Lothian	
Drug Name	**Total number of patients treated regardless of diagnosis**
Adalimumab	2,430
Etrasimod	15
Filgotinib	493
Golimumab	31
Guselkumab	136
Infliximab	Information not available
Mirikizumab	11
Ozanimod	10
Risankizumab	286
Tofacitinib	88
Upadacitinib	677
Ustekinumab	Information not available
Vedolizumab	Information not available

Question:

2. How many patients were treated by the Gastroenterology Department with the following drugs between 1st July 2026 and 30th September 2026, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below. I have not released numbers of 5 or fewer in the table, as this information could lead to the identification of the individuals involved. Since we do not have their consent to release their personal data, the information is exempt under section 38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as to provide it would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Patients treated in Gastroenterology, July – September 2026, NHS Lothian	
Drug Name	**Number of patients treated by the Gastroenterology Department**
Adalimumab	554
Etrasimod	15
Filgotinib	184
Golimumab	13
Guselkumab	52
Infliximab	Information not available
Mirikizumab	11
Ozanimod	≤5
Risankizumab	206
Tofacitinib	47
Upadacitinib	360
Ustekinumab	Information not available
Vedolizumab	Information not available

Question:

3. How many patients with Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis or Inflammatory Bowel Disease NOS in total regardless of department / clinic, were treated with the following drugs between 1st July 2026 and 30th September 2026, or the latest 3-month period for which you have data?

Answer:

This information is not collected centrally. This is because our electronic prescribing system does not link treatment with diagnosis. Information will be held in individual patient records, but in order to provide the information you request it would be necessary to review each patient record over the period you have specified, requiring significant resources. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, NHS Lothian is not required to respond to your request if the resources required to do so equate to more than £600 in 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 https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI

Yours sincerely

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