

Reference:	FOI.15636.24
Subject:	Migraine treatment
Date of Request:	4 October 2024

Requested:

A. provide the number of migraine patients treated in the last 4 months with:

- Atogepant (Aquipta)
- Erenumab (Aimovig)
- Eptinezumab (Vyepiti)
- Fremanezumab (Ajoovy)
- Galcanezumab (Emgality)
- Rimegepant (Vydura)
- Botulinum Toxin (i.e., Botox, Dysport, Xeomin)

B. How many patients have you treated in the last 4 months for acute migraine with:

- Rimegepant (Vydura)

C. Are you required to complete Blueteq for the following product classes:

- Botulinum Toxin (Botox, Dysport, Xeomin)
- Monoclonal antibodies (e.g. fremanezumab, erenumab, galcanezumab, eptinezumab)
- Gepants (e.g. rimegepant, atogepant)

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the data requested for the treatment of migraines for questions A and B, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all of the identified prescriptions and cross reference with the patient’s medical record, to identify the reason for treatment, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

A. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients treated with the named medications, for any disease, during the period 1 June and 30 September 2024.

Medication	Number
Atogepant (Aquipta)	0
Erenumab (Aimovig)	*
Eptinezumab (Vyepiti)	0
Fremanezumab (Ajoovy)	53
Galcanezumab (Emgality)	7
Rimegepant (Vydura)	0
Botulinum Toxin (i.e., Botox, Dysport, Xeomin)	160

Where the figure in the table has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

- B. A Section 12 exemption has been applied. See response to question A for total number, for any condition.
- C. The UHB confirms that it is not currently required to complete Blueteq, as it has not been introduced in NHS Wales.