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| Reference: | FOI.003 |
| Subject: | Psoriatic Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis |
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Requested

1. How many patients have been diagnosed with Psoriatic arthritis in the last 12 months and how many in each hospital within the trust
2. If known how many of these patients are newly diagnosed
3. How many of the patients with Psoriatic arthritis patients are treated with biologic therapy (disease modifying therapy) to include numbers for:
 - adalimumab
 - apremilast
 - certolizumab
 - etanercept
 - golimumab
 - infliximab
 - secukinumab
 - ustekinumab
 - ixekizumab
 - tofacitinib
4. Are clinics held specifically for Psoriatic Arthritis, if so, how many and at which hospitals within the trust?
5. How many patients have been diagnosed with Ankylosing spondylitis in the last 12 months and how many in each hospital within the trust?
6. If known how many of these patients are newly diagnosed
7. How many of the patients with Ankylosing Spondylitis arthritis are treated with biologic therapy (disease modifying therapy) to include numbers for:
 - Etanercept
 - Infliximab
 - Adalimumab
 - Golimumab
 - Certolizumab
 - Secukinumab
8. Are clinics held specifically for Ankylosing Spondylitis if so how many and at which hospitals

Response:

The UHB is unable to provide you with the details of patients diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis and Psoriatic Arthritis and their treatments, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate

Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information requested the UHB would be required to conduct a manual trawl of patient records to identify the individual diagnosis, when they were diagnosed and the treatment being given to those patients.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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*.