

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.2528.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Use of Entyvio
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**Requested:**

In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Ulcerative colitis?  
Of these patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?

In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Crohn's disease?  
Of the patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the number of patients who have been treated for Ulcerative Colitis or Crohn's disease, 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 the total number of patients who are diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis or Crohn's disease, the UHB would be a required to search the records of the patients who are recorded as having had Entyvio booked out to them within the requested period, of which there are approximately 81. It is estimated that this will cost:

81 patients @ 15 minutes per record = 20.25 hours  
20.25 hours @ £25 per hour = £506.25

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*.