

Date 8 June 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

Definition of Asthma:

“Severe Asthma is Asthma which requires treatment with guidelines suggested medications for GINA steps 4–5 asthma (high dose ICS# and LABA or leukotriene modifier/theophylline) for the previous year or systemic CS for greater than or equal to 50% of the previous year to prevent it from becoming “uncontrolled” or which remains “uncontrolled“ despite this therapy”

(Source – Chung et al (2014), International ERS/ATS guidelines on definition, evaluation and treatment of severe asthma, Eur Respir J 2014; 43: 343–373 | DOI: 10.1183/09031936.00202013)

Using this definition:

- 1. How many adult severe asthma patients have been seen via both in-patient visits and outpatient clinics in the last 3 months?**

We do not hold this information.

- 2. How many adult severe asthma patients have you treated with a biologic in the last 3 months?**

33

- 3. Of these patients treated, can you provide which drugs they were treated with, as follows:**

- Omalizumab (Xolair) - 33
- Mepolizumab (Nucala) - 0
- Reslizumab (Cinqaero) - 0

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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