

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18-364

Date 3 July 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

- 1) In your Trust, how much did you spend on Biological and biosimilar medicines, in the past financial year ending April 2018?**

£32,442,356

- 2) Have you developed a policy on how prescribers can switch their patients to biosimilars and support them in making informed choices to save resources? If yes, please provide details**

Yes, please see attached.

- 3) Do you have any specific plans in place for the launch of biosimilar Adalimumab later in 2018?**

Yes

- 4) Are there any agreements in place between you the Provider and CCG that would enable savings in drug costs to be made? (For example, Gainshare agreements where the benefits associated with more efficient use of medicines not reimbursed through national prices is shared between the Provider and the Clinical Commissioning Group party to the agreement. This included agreements for the switch to biosimilar products)**

No

- 5) Are there any other agreements with a CCG, not included in the above, for the following services?**

No

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  
Bristol  
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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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

**FOI Administrator**