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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5998

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 23rd October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Q1. Does your trust or health board treat giant cell arteritis (GCA)? If not, please provide the name of the hospital or trust that you refer GCA patients to.

[I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do not treat giant cell arteritis and usually refer patients to Liverpool University Hospitals rapid access rheumatology clinic at their Aintree site.](#)

Q2. In the past 3 months, how many patients with a primary diagnosis of GCA (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) were:

Admitted as an inpatient

Treated in A&E

[N/A](#)

Q3. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:

Tocilizumab - for any disease

Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only

Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only

[N/A](#)

Q4. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?

[N/A](#)

Q5. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

[N/A](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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