Freedom of Information (FOI)

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RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 086 – Severe Asthma

Your Query	Date of Request	June 2017

I am writing to you today to request information regarding biologics and Severe Asthma treatments as used by your organisation.

I would like first to define what I mean by Severe 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?
2.) How many adult severe asthma patients have you treated with a biologic in the last 3 months?
3.) Of these patients treated, can you provide which drugs they were treated with, as follows:
   - Omalizumab (Xolair)
   - Mepolizumab (Nucala)
   - Resilizumab (Cinqaero)

Response

This information is not held centrally or in a fashion that would allow us to easily provide it, as we do not routinely record the severity of asthma diagnoses in this manner. This type of information would be recorded in the patient's personal health record. To collate this information would be a time consuming exercise which we estimate would take several hours and be outwith the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore NHS Orkney is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.

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