

Reference: FOI 29847 BUCKS 14Y

Subject: Rheumatology

I can confirm that the CCG does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I would like to make a request for some information regarding Rheumatology under the freedom of information act 2000. If you represent multiple CCGs please can you provide the information for all of them.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many patients do you have on biologic/highcost drugs? 	<p>The CCG do not hold this information Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust may be able to provide further details.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have a prescribing pathway that you follow for Rheumatoid arthritis with methotrexate? 	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have a prescribing pathway that you follow for Rheumatoid arthritis monotherapy? 	<p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p>http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/docs/Guideline_749FM.pdf</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have a prescribing pathway that you follow for PSA/AS? 	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p>http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/docs/Guideline_737FM.pdf</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you share copies of your prescribing pathways if you have them? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your options for treating patients that have had multiple treatment failures for each indication? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you treat patients when they reach the end of their treatment choices? 	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p>http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/buckinghamshire/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have an IFR process and how easy is it to navigate? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many IFR's have you submitted in the past financial year for Rheumatology? 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many IFR's have you had approved this financial year? 	<p>*Less than 5</p>
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* I can confirm that the CCG holds the information requested, but in this case, the CCG has replaced the figure with less than 10 or less than 5 as it is exempt from disclosure. We are not obliged, under section 40(2) of the Act, to provide information that is the personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions in the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). In this instance we believe that the release of this information would contravene the first data protection principle and therefore section 40 (2) is engaged. The terms of this exemption in the Freedom of Information Act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1213/personal-information-section-40-and-regulation-13-foia-and-eir-guidance.pdf>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 4 March 2019, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.