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In your Trust please supply the number of patients currently being treated with biologics for the following conditions, split by named biologic;

Number of patients currently being treated	TOTAL	Abatacept	Adalimumab	Anakinra	Certolizumab	Etanercept	Infliximab	Rituximab	Tocilizumab	Ustekinumab	Others
TOTAL											
Rheumatoid Arthritis											
Ankylosing Spondylitis											
Psoriatic Arthritis											
Psoriasis											
Crohn's disease											

We have now processed your request and I can confirm that the Trust holds the information you have requested regarding Immunology Drugs within individual prescription charts which are maintained in separate patient case notes in paper format across various centres within the Trust and in parts with electronic systems. The information is not in one filing system. Accordingly, it is not held in a structured or indexed way that will allow for the information to be retrieved without a manual search. In this regard the Trust would only be able to provide you with the information you requested by examining every individual case note and by cross-referencing this with information held electronically.

Inevitably, the search, extraction and retrieval involved to comply with your request would likely take well in excess of 18 hours and therefore having regard to the maximum cost limit of £450 (which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved) on this occasion, we are sorry that we will not be able to respond to your request as detailed.

If you are able to narrow down the details of your request then we may be able to complete retrieval of the information you have requested within the cost limit in which case we would be very happy to assist.