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I would appreciate if you can supply me with the following information

- Total number of patients on the following Drugs in 2011: Abatacept, Adalimumab, Blood transfusion, Certolizumab pegol, Cyclophosphamide, Epoprostenol, Etanercept, Golimumab, Ibandronic acid, Infliximab, Methotrexate SC, Other, Pamidronate, Rituximab, Tocilizumab, Zoledronic Acid.*

We can provide the number of times the drugs specified that were dispensed to patients by pharmacy in 2011. However, these drugs could have been dispensed multiple times for any particular patient during the year. Therefore we cannot provide the number of patients involved in the dispensing of the drugs listed.

Please see below the information we do hold regarding the specified drugs issued/dispensed to patients in 2011.

Drugs Dispensed	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012
ADALIMUMAB 40 mg Injection 2 x 40mg syringe Pack	20	4
ADALIMUMAB Pre-filled Pen 40 mg Injection 2 x 0.8ml Pen Pack	229	276
Blood transfusion Please could you clarify the information you require regarding 'blood transfusion'		
CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL 200 mg in 1ml Injection 2 x 1ml syringe pack	37	97
CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE 50 mg Tablets 100 Tablet pack	0	216
CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE 1 g Injection 1 g Vial	1475	1321
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE 30 mg Injection 1 x 30mg vial pack	0	48
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE 60 mg Injection 1 x 60mg vial pack	0	216
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE 90 mg Injection 1 x 90mg pack	0	9
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE CONCENTRATE FOR I.V. INFUSION 30 mg Injection 1 x 30mg vial Pack	92	20
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE CONCENTRATE FOR I.V. INFUSION 30 mg Injection 2 x 30mg vial Pack	39	18
DISODIUM PAMIDRONATE CONCENTRATE FOR I.V. INFUSION 60 mg in 4ml Injection 1 x 4ml Vial Pack	283	87
GOLIMUMAB (Pre-filled syringe) 50 mg Injection 50 mg Syringe	0	7
GOLIMUMAB PEN 100 mg Auto injector 100 mg Pen	0	3
GOLIMUMAB PEN 50 mg Auto injector 50 mg Pen	0	43
IBANDRONIC ACID 150 mg Tablets 1 Tablet Pack	3	1
IBANDRONIC ACID 150 mg Tablets 3 Tablet pack	1	0
IBANDRONIC ACID 3 mg in 3ml Pre-Filled Syringe 3 mL Syringe	0	1
IBANDRONIC ACID 50 mg Tablets 28 Tablet Pack	32	30
INFLIXIMAB 100 mg Injection 100 mg Vial	1802	1837

METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 10mg in 0.2ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	1048	706
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 12.5mg in 0.25ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	0	152
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 15mg in 0.3ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	2199	2109
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 17.5mg in 0.35ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	0	176
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 20mg in 0.4ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	7012	5969
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 22.5mg in 0.45ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	0	214
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 25mg in 0.5ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	1197	1644
METHOTREXATE (METOJECT) Pre-filled Syringe 7.5mg in 0.15ml Injection 1 x 1 Dose Syringe pack	196	233
METHOTREXATE Pre-filled Syringe 5mg in 0.2ml Injection .2 mL Syringe	20	52
RITUXIMAB 100 mg in 10ml Injection 2 x 10ml vial Pack	447	595
RITUXIMAB 500 mg in 50ml Injection 50 mL Vial	743	868
TOCILIZUMAB 200 mg in 10ml Intravenous Infusion 1 x 10ml vial pack	18	70
TOCILIZUMAB 400 mg in 20ml Intravenous Infusion 1 x 20mg vial pack	5	0
TOCILIZUMAB 400 mg in 20ml Intravenous Infusion 1 x 20ml Vial pack	34	161
TOCILIZUMAB 80 mg in 4ml Intravenous Infusion 1 x 4ml Vial pack	8	27
ZOLEDRONIC ACID 4 mg Injection 4 mg Vial	1114	1338
ZOLEDRONIC ACID 5 mg in 100ml Intravenous Infusion 5 mg Bottle	157	196

I can confirm that the Trust may hold (as defined in the Act) the information you requested concerning blood transfusion, but it is not in a readily retrievable. Similarly in respect of the number of patients involved in the dispensing of drugs, this information is not readily retrievable.

We have an electronic prescribing system, but it records drug usage, rather than the number of specific patients each drug was dispensed to. Therefore, it would require manual access to patients' records for us to be able to respond with the specific data requested.

We estimate that it would take more than 18 hours to locate, retrieve and extract all the information you have requested. The associated cost would therefore exceed the £450 fee limit for NHS trusts based on one person spending 2½ working days at a rate of £25 per hour determining whether the Trust holds the information sought and then locating, retrieving and extracting that information as set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

In the circumstances, having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, and taking account of the associated costs of dealing further with your request, the

Trust is not obliged to respond. We are sorry that on this occasion we will not be responding to your request more fully, but hope you find the data we can provide useful.

- 2. The number of nurses you have working in the unit, their grade and number of days they work in the infusion unit.*

The infusion room is staffed by two Band 5 nurses and one Band 2/3 Healthcare Assistance (HCA), the opening hours are 0900-1700hrs Monday to Friday.

The Day Assessment Unit (DAU) has thirteen qualified Nurses (not WTE), who may rotate in to the infusion room and five HCAs.