

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.  
I am pleased to confirm the following.

**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.**

Yes

**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

Please see attached document.

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

**Tocilizumab – for any disease**

23 patients.

**Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only**

We cannot relate treatments to specific indications for use.

**Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only**

We cannot relate treatments to specific indications for use.

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

0 patients

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

0 patients

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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