

FOI REF: 22/566

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. How many patients has your trust/health board treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with the following drugs :

• Aubagio (teriflunomide)	30
• Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	13
• Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	2
• Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	0
• Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	38
• Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	1
• Gilenya (fingolimod)	0
• Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	0
• Kesimpta (ofatumumab)	0
• Mavenclad (cladribine)	0
• Mayzent (siponimod)	0
• Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	0
• Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)	1
• Ponvory (ponesimod)	0
• Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	18
• Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	46
• Tysabri (natalizumab)	0
• Tysabri (natalizumab) pre-filled syringes ONLY	0
• Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)	0
• Zeposia (ozanimod)	0

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2. It would also be very helpful if you could advise how many hospital patients seen in the past 6 months (as inpatients or outpatients) have a diagnosis for the following conditions:

- Multiple sclerosis (any type)
- Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS)
- Primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS)
- Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS)

Please see the table below for the count of patients admitted with a diagnosis of MS in any position and the primary position for the period March to August 2022:

Number of Patients	Number of Admissions	Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description	Primary Diagnosis
166	349	G35X	Multiple sclerosis	15

Please see the table below for the number of patients attending MS clinics for the period March to August 2022 and note that the Trust's systems does not drill down to Outpatient level, but we have shown the number of patients attending MS clinics.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that all these patients were MS patients. It is possible that the Consultant concerned added other neurological patients.

Number of Appointments	Number of Patients
1108	720

Please also note that we only code MS as MS any type (ICD10 code G35X) and not as relapsing, primary or secondary.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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