

FOI REF: 24/671

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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 have been treated for any condition in the last 4 months with the following products?**
 - a) Botox
 - b) Xeomin
 - c) Dysport

- 2) **How many patients have been treated for Spasmodic Torticollis (ICD-10 Code: G24.3) in the last 4 months with the following products?**
 - a) Botox
 - b) Xeomin
 - c) Dysport

- 3) **How many patients have been treated for Neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder (ICD-10 Code N31) in the last 4 months with the following products?**
 - a) Botox
 - b) Xeomin
 - c) Dysport

- 4) **How many patients have been treated for Disturbances of salivary secretion (ICD-10 Code K11.7) in the last 4 months with the following products?**
 - a) Botox
 - b) Xeomin
 - c) Dysport

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- 5) How many patients have been treated for Clonic Hemifacial Spasm (ICD-10 Code; G51.3) in the last 4 months with the following products?
- a) Botox
 - b) Xeomin
 - c) Dysport
- 6) How many patients have been treated for Blepharospasm (G24.5) in the last 4 months with the following products?
- a) Botox
 - b) Xeomin
 - c) Dysport

Questions 1 – 6:

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the number of Botox, Xeomin or Dysport treatments as this is against current guidelines. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of all patient records which we estimate would take over 18 hours. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

A Section 12(1) exemption is applied, please see above for details.

Under FOIA Section 16 – Provide Advice & Guidance. We would inform you that the volumes issued by Pharmacy of each brand, either in ml or in units, could be provided.

Here are the volumes in units for each product for the 4-month period requested.
Metric 'unit' is the dosing volume as displayed on the product for each vial
For example: BOTULINUM A TOXIN **100 units** INJECTION (BOTOX) (1 vial)

Total units issued for Botox	50650
Total units issued for Xeomin	0
Total units issued for Dysport	73700

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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.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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