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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1) **How many patients has your trust treated in the past six months (for any disease) with the following drugs:**

Drug Name	Patient Numbers
Aubagio (teriflunomide)	0
Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	6
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	0
Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	0
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	14
Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	0
Gilenya (fingolimod)	0*
Kesimpta (ofatumumab)	0*
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	0*
Mavenclad (cladribine)	0*
Mayzent (siponimod)	0*
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	0*
Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)	2
Ponvory (ponesimod)	0*
Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	8
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	0
Tysabri (natalizumab)	0*
Tysabri (natalizumab) Pre-filled syringes only	0*
Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)	6
Zeposia (ozanimod)	0
Fingolimod generic	0*
Tyruko (Natalizumab Biosimilar)	0*
Briumvi (ublituximab)	0*
Dimethyl fumarate generic	31
Teriflunomide generic	21

- a) In the response to question 1, please note that an asterisk (*) denotes that the treatment is prescribed by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. Their contact details are as follows:

By email: UHSussex.foi@nhs.net

- b) Please also note that the drug information provided in responses to questions 1 and 2 does not include secondary line treatments, as these are given by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. Their contact details are as follows:

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- c) Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust no longer prescribes Aubagio or Tecfidera. Patients are prescribed generic teriflunomide and generic dimethyl fumarate instead.

- 2) **How many patients has your trust treated with Rituximab for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in the past six months?**

0.

- 3) **How many patients within your trust have a diagnosis of MS (Multiple Sclerosis)?**

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- 4) **Of the patients with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, how many patients have a diagnosis of:**

<i>Condition</i>	<i>Patient Numbers</i>
RRMS – Relapse Remitting Multiple Sclerosis	624
PPMS – Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	110
SPMS – Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	281

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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