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Date	10 March 2020
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Dear Mr Fryer

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND REGULATIONS 2004)

Thank you for your request received on 14 February 2020 for the provision of the following information:-

***In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Ulcerative colitis?
Of these patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?
In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Crohn's disease?
Of the patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?***

We are treating your request under our procedures for responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information that we are able to provide in response to your request is given below.

***In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Ulcerative colitis?
In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Crohn's disease?***

I would refer you to publicly available information published by the Information Services Division (ISD), which is part of NHS National Services Scotland. Information is available at the following link that shows the total number of episodes of care for ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

<https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Hospital-Care/Diagnoses/>

I have also attached the relevant spreadsheet. From this you will see that it contains the raw data to enable information to be broken down by NHS Board of residence. For ease of reference an extract of this information is also attached.

Of these patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?

Unfortunately we are not able to provide this information as it is not recorded by NHSGGC in a way that would enable it to be extracted from our systems. Although information on in-patient/day-case episodes is coded to show the relevant diagnosis, there is no additional information in our systems that would identify whether patients with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease were also treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab). To provide this information would require us to undertake an exercise to review individual patient histories (4,571 during 2018/19) to establish whether they were treated with Entyvio.

Section 12 of FOISA sets out that a Scottish public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the amount prescribed in Fees Regulations made by Scottish Ministers (currently £600). We estimate that such an exercise would be in excess of the cost threshold and therefore under Section 12 we are not obliged to provide this information.

I hope that this is helpful. If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to request a review of this decision within 40 working days of receiving this response. The attached note describes our review procedure. Your request for review must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If you wish us to carry out a review, please complete the form enclosed and return it to the Head of Corporate Governance and Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, Corporate HQ, JB Russell House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0XH or by email to foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If following a review you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to ask for advice, assistance or to make a formal appeal in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the outcome of a review. The Commissioner can be contacted at: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

If following appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law against the decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Should you require any clarification about this letter or the right to request a review please contact me at the details at the top of the first page of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Alison Flynn

Alison Flynn
Freedom of Information Manager

Standard Enclosures:

Request For Review Form

Procedure for review of decision notified