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The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 16th September 2025 FOI Ref 30319

Requested Information:

Q1. How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust?

Q2. How many patients have been newly diagnosed with Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) in the past 3 months?

Q3. How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)?

Q4. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:

- Tocilizumab – for any disease
- Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only
- Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only

Q5. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab?

Q6. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab?

Q7. 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

Response:

Q1. How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust? **We are only able to provide information on activity in a time period having a specific diagnosis code. We do not hold list of patients with a specific diagnosis, just when they have activity at the trust this is coded with their diagnosis.**

Q2. How many patients have been newly diagnosed with Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) in the past 3 months? **Patients with inpatient activity in last 3 months (June to August 2025) with these codes: Inpatient:1 Emergency Department:9 We would not know if these were newly diagnosed or not.**

Q3. How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)? **June to August 2025 0**

Q4. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:

- Tocilizumab – for any disease **112**
- Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only **we do not record indication so would not know what a drug is given to treat. We had 107 patients who have been issued this drug and also have a diagnosis of RA. An additional 110 via homecare.**
- Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only **we do not record indication so would not know what a drug is given to treat. We had 0 patients who have been issued this drug and also have a diagnosis of GCA. 4 patients were issued this drug via homecare for GCA.**

Q5. How many patients were treated by the ophthalmology department (for any disease) in the past 3 months with Tocilizumab? **0**

Q6. How many patients were treated in A&E in the past 3 months for giant cell arteritis (GCA) with Tocilizumab? **we do not record indication so would not know what a drug is given to treat. We had one patient who was given Tocilizumab, issued from an emergency department cost centre, with a diagnosis of GCA.**

Q7. 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

**Patients with inpatient activity in last 3 months (June to August 2025)
with these codes in the primary position : Inpatient:1 Emergency
Department:9**

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 07 October 2025