

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Q1. Within your Trust, how many patients in total were admitted as inpatients between July – October 2025 with a primary cause of admission being a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) exacerbation (ICD-10: J44.1)?

Ans: 91

Q2. Of the patients admitted with a primary COPD exacerbation (ICD-10: J44.1) identified in Q1, how many were already prescribed a closed triple therapy* at the point of admission?

*Closed triple therapy = Trelegy, Trixeo, or Trimbaw (any formulation)

*“Already prescribed” means the therapy was documented as active on admission, either from hospital records or patient-reported history.

The Trust can confirm that we hold information relating to prescribed medications and patient diagnoses. However, we are unable to provide a response to Question 2 within the appropriate limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our pharmacy prescribing system does not store, link, or extract data by diagnosis. This means we cannot automatically identify which patients admitted with a primary diagnosis of COPD exacerbation (ICD-10: J44.1) were already prescribed a closed triple therapy at the point of admission. To answer this question, we would need to undertake a manual audit of each individual patient record to cross-reference clinical diagnosis against historical prescribing.

We have estimated that completing this work would take longer than 18 hours. As such, the cost of locating, retrieving, and extracting the information would exceed the £450 limit specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

Section 12(1) therefore applies, and the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Q3. How many patients in total were prescribed Trixeo for COPD (ICD-10: J44.1) between July – October 2025?

How many of these were new to Trixeo*?

*New to Trixeo = Patient not prescribed Trixeo in your hospital (inpatient or outpatient) in the past 12 months (Nov 2024 – Oct 2025), and not currently prescribed Trixeo—whether prescribed in hospital or community settings—at the point of admission.

DBTH holds the information on the subject you have requested. However, I advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because our pharmacy system doesn't store diagnosis data, so we're unable to determine this against the prescribed treatment. To ascertain this data, the Trust would need to perform an audit of each individual patient record, which wouldn't be achievable within the s.12 timescale of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

. Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, We have estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to carry out a manual search to locate, retrieve, and extract all the information you have requested. In this situation the associated cost would therefore exceed the appropriate fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

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Q4. How many patients in total were prescribed Trimbow MDI (for COPD [ICD-10: J44.1]) between July – October 2025?

- How many of these were new to Trimbow MDI*?
- Of the new Trimbow MDI patients*, what was the split between:
- Trimbow MDI 87/5/9
- Trimbow MDI 172/5/9

*New to Trimbow MDI = Patient not prescribed Trimbow MDI in your hospital (inpatient or outpatient) in the past 12 months (Nov 2024 – Oct 2025), and not currently prescribed Trimbow MDI—whether prescribed in hospital or community settings—at the point of admission.

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Q5. How many patients in total were prescribed Trelegy for COPD (ICD-10: J44.1) between July – October 2025?

How many of these were new to Trelegy*?

*New to Trelegy = Patient not prescribed Trelegy in your hospital (inpatient or outpatient) in the past 12 months (Nov 2024 – Oct 2025), and not currently prescribed Trelegy—whether prescribed in hospital or community settings—at the point of admission.

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Q6. How many patients in total were prescribed Trimbow DPI (for COPD [ICD-10: J44.1]) between July – October 2025?

How many of these were new to Trimbow DPI*?

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If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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