

## Patients with asthma

### Request

I would be grateful if you could let me know the following information regarding asthma. In your trust over the past 12 months for patients with asthma please provide the number of patients as follows:

1. How many patients have been diagnosed as having severe asthma, i.e. BTS steps 4 or 5?
2. How many patients have been diagnosed as having severe allergic asthma, i.e. severe persistent confirmed allergic IgE-mediated asthma?
3. How many asthma patients are you treating with a combination of all 3 of the following:
  - a. Inhaled high-dose corticosteroids AND
  - b. Long-acting beta2 agonists AND
  - c. Oral corticosteroids (4 or more courses in the past 12 months);
4. Of these how many are also currently receiving, or have trialled:
  - a. Leukotriene receptor antagonists
  - b. Theophyllines
5. How many patients have been treated with Omalizumab [Xolair] – split into Asthma patients and Non-Asthma patients.

### Our Response

**OUR RESPONSE:** The only clinicians to diagnose and treat Asthma in our Trust are Community Paediatricians. Any child either on step 5 or requiring a step up to 5 of BTS guidelines will have been referred and managed by specialist paediatric respiratory colleagues at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. We do not routinely collect outpatient data and to provide the information would require a retrospective 12-month case note review of all Community Paediatric outpatient activity, which we estimate would exceed the appropriate costs limit of £450 (18 hours) under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.