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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA),

Question 1

Within the last 2 years, has the institution accepted or is it currently accepting any of the following drugs free of charge or for a nominal charge (eg £1):

[The answer is no, as the commissioners have a strict policy on accepting Free of Charge \(FOC\) products that the trust adheres to.](#)

Rizankizumab (Skyrizi)

Guselkumab (Tremfya)

Brodalumab (Kyntheum)

Ixekizumab (Taltz)

Secukinumab (Cosentyx)

Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri)

Question 2

If yes to any of the above, are you able to say how long is the free of charge drug stock typically provided for each patient? For example, is it :

First dose

First month

First 3 months

Some other period?

Question 3

If the Institution has not accepted manufacturer provision of free of charge drug stock, are you able to say what have been the reasons for this?

[Please see answer in question 1](#)

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Yours sincerely,
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