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REQUEST

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)?

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 Trimbow (any formulation)

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

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.

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.

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.

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*?

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

RESPONSE

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)?

	S&O	STHK	MWL
Jul	10	25	35
Aug	14	27	41
Sep	<5	31	35
Oct	6	21	27

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?

S&O = 11

Q3. How many patients in total were prescribed Trixeo for COPD (ICD-10: J44.1) between July – October 2025? S&O = <5
How many of these were new to Trixeo*? 0

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

S&O = 8

- How many of these were new to Trimbow MDI*? 0
- Of the new Trimbow MDI patients*, what was the split between:
- Trimbow MDI 87/5/9 6
- Trimbow MDI 172/5/9 <5

Q5. How many patients in total were prescribed Trelegy for COPD (ICD-10: J44.1) between July – October 2025? <5

- How many of these were new to Trelegy*? <5

Q6. How many patients in total were prescribed Trimbow DPI (for COPD [ICD-10: J44.1]) between July – October 2025? 0

How many of these were new to Trimbow DPI*? 0

**** All questions answered for S&O using the patients identified in Q1**

<5

Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit for STHK site

Following a thorough assessment, we regret to inform you that Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is unable to comply with your request, as doing so would exceed the cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the STHK site this is due to this information not being held in a way a simple report can be produced within the time allowed.

Section 12 states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit, which is currently set at £450 for NHS organisations. This equates to 18 hours of staff time, calculated at a standard rate of £25 per hour, as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In this case, fulfilling your request would require the trust to search all the medical records of possible patient to identify if we hold this information. The Trust has estimated that locating, retrieving, and extracting the relevant information would significantly exceed the 18-hour threshold, even with reasonable efforts to narrow the scope.

We are therefore applying Section 12 of the Act and will not be proceeding with the request in its current form.

However, we would be happy to assist you in refining your request to bring it within the cost limit. For example, narrowing the timeframe, specifying particular departments, or focusing on a specific aspect of the information may help reduce the burden of compliance.

Please let us know if you would like support in revising your request.

As a Trust who merged in July 2023, we currently have 2 electronic patient record systems. Whilst we collect and can report on the data for our Southport and Ormskirk sites, we do not collect it and are therefore unable to report it for our St Helens and Knowsley sites.