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REF: 2026-43
Subject: Request GCA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **14th January 2026** where you requested information about **Request GCA.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
Q1. How many patients have a current diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6) at your Trust?	Below is based on a 5 year admission date 01/10/2020 - 30/11/2025. Total Admissions with a primary diagnoses code of M31.5 or M31.6: 101
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?	Below is based on a 3 month admission date 01/09/2025 - 30/11/2025. Total Admissions with a primary diagnoses code of M31.5 or M31.6: 7
Q3. How many patients were treated by the Rheumatology department for Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (ICD10 codes M31.5 or M31.6)?	Unable to answer as outpatients diagnosis are not recorded
Q4. How many patients were treated by the rheumatology department in the past 3 months with the following:	
• Tocilizumab – for any disease	50
• Tocilizumab for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) only	Unable to answer as outpatients diagnosis are not recorded
• Tocilizumab for giant cell arteritis (GCA) only	Unable to answer as outpatients diagnosis are not recorded
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?	0
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	5 or Less
• Treated in A&E	5 or Less

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Yours sincerely,

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