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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Treatment of Dermatological Conditions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please note that the Trust does not record the information you have requested in the format you have requested it in. The Trust is able to provide the number of prescriptions, however this will not be indicative of the number of patients. For patients that are prescribed by the Homecare Team data is available and provided by patients.

#### **1. How many patients were treated in the last 4 months (April to July 2023) by the dermatology department with each of the following products:**

- **Abrocitinib** - 0
- **Acitretin** - 124 prescriptions
- **Alitretinoin** - 6 prescriptions
- **Azathioprine** - 13 prescriptions
- **Baricitinib** - 5 Patients - prescribed by Homecare
- **Ciclosporin** - 15 prescriptions
- **Dupilumab** - 118 Patients - prescribed by Homecare
- **Methotrexate** - 254 prescriptions

- **Mycophenolate mofetil** - 2 prescriptions
- **Pimecrolimus** - 3 prescriptions
- **Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA)** - PUVA – 87 / UVB – 15
- **Tacrolimus ointment** - 86 prescriptions
- **Tralokinumab** - 14 Patients – prescribed by Homecare
- **Upadacitinib** - 6 Patients – prescribed by Homecare

**2. How many patients were treated by the dermatology department in the previous 4-month period (December 22 - March 23) with Dupixent?**

89

**3. For patients treated by the dermatology department with Dupilumab in the four months from December 22 to March 2023, could you please tell us:**

**a. How many patients were treated in the subsequent 4-month period (April - July 23) with Dupilumab?**

Of the 89 patients on treatment with dupilumab between 01.12.22 and 31.03.23, 82 were still on treatment between 01.04.23 and 31.07.23

**b. How many patients were treated in the subsequent 4-month period (April - July 23) with any of the following advanced therapies - Abrocitinib, Baricitinib, Tralokinumab and Upadacitinib?**

- Abrocitinib - Zero
- Baricitinib - Zero
- Tralokinumab - Zero
- Upadacitinib - Zero

**c. How many patients were treated in the subsequent 4-month period (April - July 23) with any of the following immunosuppressants - Methotrexate, Ciclosporin, Mycophenolate or Azathioprine?**

**d. How many patients were treated in the subsequent 4-month period (April - July 23) with any of the following - Acitretin, Alitretin, Pimecrolimus or Tacrolimus?**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine patient notes. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**