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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 June 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding psoriasis treatment. Specifically you asked:

Within your Trust and over the last three months, how many Psoriasis [PsO] patients have been initiated on their first advanced therapy (i.e. Biologic, Apremilast or Dimethyl fumarate)?

Total New Advanced Therapy patient Initiations.

Where possible please split by treatment;

***Adalimumab [Humira]
Apremilast [Otezla]
Brodalumab [Kyntheum]
Certolizumab [Cimzia]
Dimethyl fumarate [Skilarence]
Etanercept [Enbrel]
Etanercept Biosimilar
Guselkumab [Tremfya]
Infliximab [Remicade]
Infliximab Biosimilar
Ixekizumab [Taltz]
Secukinumab [Cosentyx]
Ustekinumab [Stelara]***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust does not centrally record this information, to supply the number would require a member of staff to manually examine each patient seen last month to see who amongst them started on skilarence/ apremilast. This alone would take a number of days. The Trust do not separate out the injection biologics between new starters and original patients therefore a member of staff would be required to examine all patients on their records and check everyone's case notes to see who is a new starter.

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 and a quarter 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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer