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Email only

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 20 August 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:

***Please find below a request for information regarding the use of medicines to treat patients with psoriasis at your Trust.***

- 1. How many patients with plaque psoriasis in your Trust are currently being treated with unlicensed Fumaderm?***
- 2. How many patients with plaque psoriasis in your Trust are currently being treated with Skilarence?***
- 3. Is the Trust starting patients with plaque psoriasis on Skilarence?  
a. If yes to Q3, how many patients in the last 6 months?***
- 4. Is the Trust starting patients with psoriasis on unlicensed Fumaderm?  
a. If yes to Q4, how many patients in the last 6 months?***
- 5. Does the Trust intend to review all patients with plaque psoriasis taking unlicensed Fumaderm in order to move them to a licensed formulation where appropriate?***
- 6. Please describe the process in place to achieve Q5 and the anticipated completion date?***

***7. If the Trust does not intend to initiate Skilarence or review all patients with plaque psoriasis taking unlicensed Fumaderm, please provide an explanation why the Trust intends to continue with its current practice?***

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust does not centrally record this information, to supply the information required would require the review of patient notes which would take over the permitted timescale within the act 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 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  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**