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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 31 October 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 dermatology. Specifically you asked for:

I have a Freedom of Information request with regards to Dermatology

Question 1 :How many patients are currently (within the last 3 months) being treated for moderate or severe atopic dermatitis (also known as eczema) ?

Question 1b: Of these treated patients how many are paediatric ?

Question 2: How many patients are currently being treated for moderate or severe atopic dermatitis (also known as eczema) with the following drugs ?

<i>Drug Name</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Acitretin</i>	
<i>Alitretinoin</i>	
<i>Pimecrolimus</i>	
<i>Tacrolimus</i>	
<i>Dupixent (Dupilumab)</i>	
<i>Phototherapy including with ultraviolet (UVB) radiation or psoralen ultraviolet A (PUVA)</i>	

Potent Topical Corticosteroids (creams or ointments) total	
Amcinonide 0.05% (Cyclocort)	
Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% (Diprosone)	
Betamethasone valerate	
Clobetasol proionate	
Desoximetasone 0.25% (Topicort)	
Diflucortolone valerate	
Fluocinonide 0.05% (Lidex)	
Fluticasone proprionate 0.005% (Cutivate)	
Halcinonide 0.05% (Halog)	
Mometasone furoate 0.1% (Elocon ointment)	
Triamcinalone acetonide 0.5% (Kenalog, Aristocrt cream)	
Betamethasone dipropionate 0.25% (Diprolene)	
Clobetasol dipropionate 0.05% (Temovate)	
Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% (Psorcon)	
Halbetasol proprionate 0.05% (Ultravate)	
Immunospressive therapies total	
Azathioprine	
Ciclosporin	
Methotrexate	

Question 3: Does your Trust use any of the following to treat severe dermatitis ? If so how many patients in the past 3 months?

Drug Name	Total
Etanercept	
Infliximab	
Adalimumab	
Ustekinumab	

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust does not keep a database relating to the number of patients with specific skin conditions (in this case atopic dermatitis), so would not be able to advise how many patients are being treated for this condition. To supply the number 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.

For question 2: The Trust does not have any patients on the biologic drugs listed above as these are usually prescribed for patients with psoriasis, not atopic dermatitis.

For question 3: The Trust does not have any patients on etanercept, infliximab, adalimumab or ustkinumab for eczema as these drugs are not used for treatment of eczema.

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