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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 7th December 2020 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 treatments for dermatological conditions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. How many patients were treated in last 4 months by the Dermatology department with each of the following:

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 hundreds of sets of patient's 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.

The Trust is able to provide estimated patient numbers based on the amount of tablets/ capsules that have been dispensed on prescriptions. The Trust does not have any dermatology patients on Baricitinib however the Trust can supply patient numbers for Dupilumab as that is a Homecare product.

Please note that the Trust is unable to provide a figure for Ultraviolet light therapy as this can only be determined through the review of patient records.

Treatment	Number treated
Acitretin	27168
Alitretinoin	284
Azathioprine	4224
Baricitinib	0

Ciclosporin	2542
Dupilumab	58 patients since 15/08/2020
Methotrexate	15244
Mycophenolate mefetil	1155
Pimecrolimus	0
Tacrolimus	0
Upadacitinib	0
Ultraviolet light therapy	Section 12

2. How many patients have been treated in the last 4 months for Atopic Dermatitis, and how many of these patients were under the age of 17?

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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.

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.

Yours sincerely

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 Freedom of Information Officer