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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30 March 2021 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 dermatological treatments 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 uses FP10 prescriptions to supply some medicines to outpatients. Because of this the Trust is unable to provide patient level data for the information requested. The data provided below instead refers to the number of prescriptions written. Where this is the case we have indicated this in the data type column. Please note that multiple supplies may have been made to a single patient during the 4 month time period.

Additionally, some medications (highlighted in yellow) have more than one strength and patients may receive multiple strengths at once.

These 2 factors means that the number of issues may be significantly greater than the total number of patients.

The time period is October 2020 – January 2021

	Data Type	Total
Abrocitinib		0
Acitretin	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	221
Alitretinoin	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	13
Azathioprine	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	26

	patient level)	
Baricitinib		0
Ciclosporin	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	38
Dupilumab	Homecare – total number of issues (may be more than 1 issue per patient)	73
Methotrexate	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	393 - tablets 5 injectable 2 liquid
Mycophenolate mofetil	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	9
Pimecrolimus ointment	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	13
Tacrolimus ointment	Number of issues on FP10 (not patient level)	99
Upadacitinib		0

2. How many patients were treated in the last 4 months with phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) for:

- Atopic Dermatitis
- Psoriasis
- Any skin condition

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 review of all case notes for patients coded as having a dermatological condition. 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. I am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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