



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-288

Date: 3d September 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 2nd August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Atopic Dermatitis

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am analysing the treatment of dermatological conditions in the UK. Could you please answer the following questions.

How many patients were treated in the last 4 months (April to July 2024) by the dermatology department with each of the following products:

- **Abrocitinib**
- **Acitretin**
- **Alitretinoin**
- **Azathioprine**
- **Baricitinib**
- **Ciclosporin**
- **Dupilumab**
- **Lebrikizumab**
- **Methotrexate**
- **Mycophenolate mofetil**
- **Pimecrolimus**
- **Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) - for Atopic Dermatitis only**
- **Tacrolimus ointment**
- **Tralokinumab**
- **Upadacitinib**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- Abrocitinib 0
- Acitretin 36
- Alitretinoin 0
- Azathioprine <5
- Baricitinib <5
- Ciclosporin 15
- Dupilumab 76
- Lebrikizumab 0
- Methotrexate 60
- Mycophenolate mofetil 6
- Pimecrolimus <5
- Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) - for Atopic Dermatitis only
 <5 PUVA
 14 x UVB
- Tacrolimus ointment 9
- Tralokinumab <5
- Upadacitinib <5

Q2 Of the patients treated in the last 4 months with any of the products listed in question 1, please provide the number of patients by the following age group:

- **Age 6-11**
- **Age 12-17**
- **Age 18 and above**

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- Age 6-11 = <5
- Age 12-17 = 5
- Age 18 and above = 201

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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