

Ref: FOI/2023/8825

Date Received: 13th April 2023

Response Due: 15th May 2023

Date: 9th May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

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

- **Abrocitinib** - 0
- **Acitretin** - 42
- **Alitretinoin** - 5
- **Azathioprine** - 17
- **Baricitinib** - 0
- **Ciclosporin** - 26
- **Dupilumab** - 42
- **Methotrexate** - 147
- **Mycophenolate mofetil** - 12
- **Pimecrolimus** – 43
- **Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA)** UVB – 12 & PUVA - <5
- **Tacrolimus ointment** - 9
- **Tralokinumab** - <5
- **Upadacitinib** - <5

Question 2. 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**

0

- **Age 12-17**

34

- **Age 18 and above**

785

Question 3. If possible, could you please provide the number of patients treated in the last 4 months for Atopic Dermatitis ONLY with:

- **Azathioprine - 0**
- **Ciclosporin - 0**
- **Methotrexate - 0**
- **Mycophenolate mofetil - 0**
- **Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) - UVB – 61 & PUVA - 7**

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Luxon" followed by a small dash.

Alison Luxon
Deputy Director of Nursing

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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