

Freedom of Information request 419-17

Request

Please find below questions being asked via Freedom of Information for Borders General Hospital

These questions aim to understand the use of biologics in Dermatology and activity in Atopic Dermatitis.

Funding pre-NICE;

1. Is it your Trust/CCG policy to wait until 90 days post NICE guidance to fund new drugs or do they fund earlier?
2. What is your Trust/CCG policy re use of Zero Risk (ZR)/Early Use Schemes (EUS), i.e. where a medicine is made available free of charge or at a reduced price to the NHS whilst awaiting NICE/SMC approval, in lieu of NICE?
3. What is the process for getting such ZR/EUS schemes implemented/approved/signed off within your Trust/hospital? Who needs to sign the contracts for such schemes?

IFR/Cohort Funding;

4. What is your Trust's policy re Individual Funding Request and/or Cohort Funding policy? Ref: IFR/Cohort Funding
https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/af642939/supporting_documents/genericcommissioningpolicies.pdf
5. Do you have a pathway/preferential prescribing list, illustrating sequential use of Biologics in Dermatology? What does this recommend?
6. How many lines/trials of biologics are allowed/funded for the management of psoriasis within your trust/CCG? What happens if a clinician needs to exceed this?
7. If there is a biologics psoriasis pathway - how often is it updated to reflect changes to NICE status of new therapies?
8. If there is no formulary/pathway - what do the Trust/CCG utilise in order to guide use of biologics in the management of psoriasis?

Atopic Dermatitis

9. How many patients attended for a new outpatient appointment in dermatology Utilising ICD-10 classification - L20 Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) - from April 2015 - March 2016?
10. The number of paediatric attendances of patients utilising ICD-10 classification - L20 for Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) - from April 2015 - March 2016?
11. Does your Trust have a paediatric dermatologist? Does your Trust have a paediatrician with a dermatology interest/specialism?

Response

1. Not applicable.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Please find attached our current IPTR Policy:



IPTR Policy .pdf

5. Yes – local Formulary (<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/medicines-and-prescribing/nhs-borders-formulary/>) and specialist guidelines from BAD
6. There is not currently a limit.
7. As at Q5. Formulary sections receive at least an annual review.
8. Not applicable.
9. This data is not held electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.
10. As above.
11. Yes.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **419-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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