

Freedom of Information request 23-18

Request

Would it be at all possible to receive for the latest 4 month period the number of prescriptions issued for these drugs :

- Acitretin
- Alitretinoin
- Pimecrolimus
- Tacrolimus
- Dupixient (dupilumab)
- Phototherapy including with ultraviolet (UVB) radiation or psoralen-ultraviolet A (PUVA)
- Potent Topical Corticosteroids (see list below)
- Immunosuppressive therapies (see list below)

Potent Topical Corticosteroids [creams or ointments]

- Amcinonide 0.05% (Cyclocort)
- Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% (Diprosone)
- Betamethasone valerate
- Clobetasol propionate
- Desoximetasone 0.25% (Topicort)
- Diflucortolone valerate
- Fluocinonide 0.05% (Lidex)
- Fluticasone propionate 0.005% (Cutivate)
- Halcinonide 0.05% (Halog)
- Mometasone furoate 0.1% (Elocon ointment)
- Triamcinalone acetonide 0.5% (Kenalog, Aristocort cream)
- Betamethasone dipropionate 0.25% (Diprolene)
- Clobetasol dipropionate 0.05% (Temovate)
- Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% (Psorcon)
- Halbetasol propionate 0.05% (Ultravate)

Immunosuppressive therapies

- Azathioprine
- Ciclosporin
- methotrexate

Response

	Primary Care	Secondary Care
Acitretin	46	39
Alitretinoin	4	12
Pimecrolimus	8	0
Tacrolimus	479	7
Dupixient (dupilumab)	NA	0
Amcinonide 0.05% (Cyclocort)	0	0
Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% (Diprosone)	6	0
Betamethasone valerate	1141	56

Clobetasol propionate	809	0
Desoximetasone 0.25% (Topicort)	0	0
Diflucortolone valerate	6	0
Fluocinonide 0.05% (Lidex)	7	0
Fluticasone propionate 0.005% (Cutivate)	4	0
Halcinonide 0.05% (Halog)	0	0
Mometasone furoate 0.1% (Elocon ointment)	57	6
Triamcinalone acetonide 0.5% (Kenalog, Aristocort cream)	68	0
Betamethasone dipropionate 0.25% (Diprolene)	0	0
Clobetasol dipropionate 0.05% (Temovate)	0	8
Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% (Psorcon)	NA	0
Halbetasol propionate 0.05% (Ultravate)	NA	0
Azathioprine	749	4
Ciclosporin	108	9
methotrexate	1994	114

Timescale: to allow consistency, the time period selected was the most recent 4 month period available for both sectors: July to October 2018.

Dupixient (dupilumab), Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% (Psorcon) and Halbetasol propionate 0.05% (Ultravate) are not listed in the Primary Care system so were unable to be included in the search. Desoximetasone 0.25% (Topicort) and Halcinonide 0.05% (Halog) have not been used.

Unless otherwise stated (by inclusion of a brand name), the Approved Name has been used. Several of these drugs have multiple uses which cannot be determined from Prescribing Data alone.

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 **23-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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