

Freedom of Information request 551-18

Request & Response

Question 1

How many patients are currently (within the last 3 months) being treated for moderate or severe atopic dermatitis (also known as eczema)?

This information is not recorded electronically. To extract this information would require a manual trawl of patient notes and 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.

Question 1b

Of these treated patients how many are paediatric ?

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Question 2

How many patients are currently being treated for moderate or severe atopic dermatitis (also known as eczema) with the following drugs ?

| Drug Name | Total |
|--|-------|
| Acitretin | * |
| Alitretinoin | <5 |
| Pimecrolimus | * |
| Tacrolimus | * |
| Dupixent (Dupilumab) | 0 |
| Phototherapy including with ultraviolet (UVB) radiation or psoralen ultraviolet A (PUVA) | 7 |
| Potent Topical Corticosteroids (creams or ointments) total | |
| Amcinonide 0.05% (Cyclocort) | 0 |
| Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% (Diprosone) | 0 |
| Betamethasone valerate | * |
| Clobetasol proionate | * |
| Desoximetasone 0.25% (Topicort) | 0 |
| Diflucortolone valerate | 0 |
| Fluocinonide 0.05% (Lidex) | 0 |
| Fluticasone propionate 0.005% (Cutivate) | 0 |
| Halcinonide 0.05% (Halog) | 0 |
| Mometasone furoate 0.1% (Elocon ointment) | * |
| Triamcinalone acetonide 0.5% (Kenalog, Aristocrt cream) | * |
| Betamethasone dipropionate 0.25% (Diprolene) | 0 |

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| Clobetasol dipropionate 0.05% (Temovate) | 0 |
| Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% (Psorcon) | 0 |
| Halbetasol proprionate 0.05% (Ultravate) | 0 |
| Immunospressive therapies total | |
| Azathioprine | * |
| Ciclosporin | * |
| Methotrexate | * |

* Whether patients are being treated for moderate or severe dermatitis with any of these drugs is not recorded electronically. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of patient notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

Question 3

Does your Trust use any of the following to treat severe dermatitis ? If so how many patients in the past 3 months ?

| Drug Name | Total |
|-------------|-------|
| Etanercept | |
| Infliximab | |
| Adalimumab | |
| Ustekinumab | |

NHS Borders does not use any of these treatments to treat severe dermatitis.

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 **551-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.