

Freedom of Information request 256-20

Request

First, could you tell me how many Atopic Dermatitis patients have been treated by your trust in the latest four months that you have data available for, and how many of these patients were paediatric versus adult?

Second, for all Atopic Dermatitis patients (adult plus paediatric) treated by your trust in the latest four months, could you please provide the number of patients treated with each of the following:

High Potency topical steroids
Ultraviolet light therapy
Azathioprine
Ciclosporin
Methotrexate
Mycophenolate mofetil
Acitretin
Alitretinoin
Dupilumab
Upadacitinib
Tacrolimus
Pimecrolimus

Response

This information is not recorded electronically, to extract this data would require a manual trawl of patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

As above treatment information can only be obtained through a trawl of patient records, except in the case of the biologics as the nurses keep a register of these, therefore please find below the information held:

- High Potency topical steroids - unknown
- Ultraviolet light therapy – 0 patients (service currently suspended due to Covid)
- Azathioprine - unknown
- Ciclosporin - unknown
- Methotrexate - unknown
- Mycophenolate mofetil - unknown
- Acitretin - unknown
- Alitretinoin - unknown
- Dupilumab – 7 patients
- Upadacitinib – not used at NHS Borders
- Tacrolimus - unknown
- Pimecrolimus - unknown

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 **256-20** 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.