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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Funding pre-NICE:

For the attention of (FAO): Pharmacy / Dermatology Department Clinical Director

1. *Is it your Trust/CCG policy to wait until 90 days post NICE guidance to fund new drugs or do they fund earlier?*

We implement within the 90 day period dependent on suitable patients needing treatment in line with NICE

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?*

We would contact the relevant commissioner for approval.

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?*

See question 2

IFR/Cohort Funding:

FOA: Dermatology Lead Pharmacist / Dermatology Department Clinical Director

4. *What is your Trust's policy re Individual Funding Request and/or Cohort Funding policy? Ref: IFR/Cohort Funding*

We follow GMMMG guidance on IFR.

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?*

Please contact GMMMG who issue our pathways and guidance by using the link below:

<http://gmmmg.nhs.uk/html/guidance.html>

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?*

See question 5.

7. *If there is a biologics psoriasis pathway - how often is it updated to reflect changes to NICE status of new therapies?*

See question 5.

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?*

See question 5.

Atopic Dermatitis

FAO: Dermatology Service Manager

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?*

8,143

10. *The number of paediatric attendances of patients utilising ICD-10 classification - L20 for Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) - from April 2015 - March 2016?*

7,005

Diagnostic Coding is currently only recorded sporadically against Outpatient Attendances, therefore, we are unable to provide details of any patients treated specifically for Atopic Dermatitis in an Outpatient Clinic setting.

11. *Does your Trust have a paediatric dermatologist? Does your Trust have a paediatrician with a dermatology interest/specialism?*

No

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 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, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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