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Response Due: 2nd September 2025

Date: 29th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th August 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. How many patients were treated in the last 4 months (April to July 2025) by the dermatology department with each of the following products:

- **Abrocitinib** = 3.
- **Acitretin** = 28.
- **Alitretinoin** = 2.
- **Azathioprine** = 3.
- **Baricitinib** = 0.
- **Ciclosporin** = 39.
- **Dupilumab** = 75.
- **Lebrikizumab** = 3.
- **Methotrexate** = 119.
- **Mycophenolate mofetil** = 6.
- **Pimecrolimus** = 33.
- **Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) - for Atopic Dermatitis only** = information unavailable*
- **Tacrolimus ointment** = 83.
- **Tralokinumab** = 4.
- **Upadacitinib** = 9.
- **Nemolizumab** = 0.

Relevant period: April to July 2025.

*For phototherapy, these agents are issued as stock to dermatology therefore the Trust's pharmacy system does not record patient level records.

Please also note that there may have been some prescribing of these agents via FP10, however we are unable to track that to patient level information, therefore this data is not included.

2. In the last 4 months, how many new patients have been initiated* on the following treatments by the dermatology department

- **Abrocitinib** = 2.
- **Baricitinib** = 0.
- **Dupilumab** = 27.
- **Lebrikizumab** = 0.
- **Tralokinumab** = 0.
- **Upadacitinib** = 3.
- **Nemolizumab** = 0.

***Patients are considered initiated on a treatment if they have not been treated with the named treatment in the previous 8 months.**

Please note that there may have been some prescribing of these agents via FP10, however we are unable to track that to patient level information, therefore this data is not included.

3. Of the patients treated in the last 4 months with any of the products listed in question 1, please provide the number of patients by the following age group:

- **6 months to 5**
- **Age 6-11**
- **Age 12-17**
- **Age 18 and above**

The Trusts pharmacy systems do not store indication data or a date of birth. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Masterman
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The Information Commissioner's Office
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