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Our Ref: TSD10744

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

- 1. In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients were treated by the dermatology department, excluding patients referred for cancer/suspected cancer?**
- 2. Do you run a specific clinic for patients with atopic dermatitis?**
- 3. In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients with atopic dermatitis were treated by the dermatology department?**
- 4. In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients with atopic dermatitis were treated with the following products:**
 - a. Immunosuppressants (Azathioprine, Ciclosporin, Methotrexate, Mycophenolate mofetil, Pimecrolimus, or Tacrolimus)**
 - b. Abrocitinib**
 - c. Baricitinib**
 - d. Dupilumab**
 - e. Lebrikizumab**
 - f. Tralokinumab**
 - g. Upadacitinib**
 - h. Nemolizumab**
 - i. Delgocitinib**
- 5. In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients with atopic dermatitis were started on the following products:**
 - a. Immunosuppressants (Azathioprine, Ciclosporin, Methotrexate, Mycophenolate mofetil, Pimecrolimus, or Tacrolimus)**
 - b. Abrocitinib**
 - c. Baricitinib**
 - d. Dupilumab**

- e. **Lebrikizumab**
- f. **Tralokinumab**
- g. **Upadacitinib**
- h. **Nemolizumab**
- i. **Delgocitinib**

The Trust does not hold the requested information in a reportable format for the period requested. To retrieve the requested information, the Trust would need to manually review individual patient records to identify the relevant diagnoses and treatments. We estimate that this exercise would take more than 18 hours to complete and would therefore exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 prescribed for NHS organisations under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The Trust is therefore relying on Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is not obliged to provide this information.

Epic, the Trust's electronic patient record system, was launched on 3 April 2026. It allows some clinical information, including diagnoses, to be recorded in a structured way, which may make certain diagnosis-specific data easier to search, extract, and report on where it has been recorded in that format.

However, your request covers November 2025 to April 2026, which is largely before the implementation of Epic and includes only a limited period after go-live. For the period requested, diagnosis-specific information, such as whether a patient had atopic dermatitis, was not held in a database or reportable format that allows it to be reliably identified, extracted, or reported on from our systems. As a result, the Trust is unable to provide the requested figures for atopic dermatitis patients for this period.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team