

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/371

Dermatology Treatments

Request Details

I would like to raise a freedom of information request to your trust around the treatment of dermatology patients with some specific medicines, could you please help by providing the patient numbers I have requested below:

Q1. How many patients were treated in last 4 months by the Dermatology department with each of the following?

- Abrocitinib
- Acitretin
- Alitretinoin
- Baricitinib
- Dupilumab - 55
- Pimecrolimus
- Tacrolimus ointment
- Tralokinumab
- Upadacitinib
- Azathioprine
- Ciclosporin
- Methotrexate
- Mycophenolate mofetil

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I can inform you that 55 patients were treated with Dupilumab, 5 of which were under 18.

Q2. For all the patients treated by the Dermatology department in the last 4 months with the products listed in the previous question, can you please tell us how many of these patients were paediatric (age 17 and under) versus adult?

Please see question 1.