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Subject: Dermatology information

REQUEST & RESPONSE

I wish to make a series of separate requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The data required for the fulfilment of these requests are routinely collected and stored digitally by NHS Acute Trusts to support the provision of dermatology services.

Question 1

- a. Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultants and (ii) dermatology specialist nurses are currently in post in your NHS Trust
We have 10 consultant dermatologists and 6 specialist nurses.
- b. Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultant and (ii) dermatology specialist nurse posts are currently vacant in your NHS Trust
Currently there are 2 vacant consultant dermatologist posts.

Question 2

- a. Please confirm whether your NHS Trust has a dedicated service/clinic for the prescribing and administration of biologic therapies for atopic dermatitis (Yes/No)
no
- b. If 'No' answered to question 2a, please confirm how the initiation of biologic therapies are managed locally in patients with atopic dermatitis
Adults who fulfill NICE criteria are commenced by their named consultant, children are referred to the tertiary centre which is Alder Hey Hospital
- c. If 'Yes' answered to question 2a, and an alternative provider delivers this service, please confirm (i) the name of the provider and (ii) how many dermatology consultants and dermatology specialist nurses are involved in this service

Question 3

Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultants and (ii) dermatology specialist nurses are responsible for delivering biologic treatment for atopic dermatitis within your trust

All 10 consultants can commence biological therapy if needed.

Question 4

a. Please confirm whether your NHS Trust has a documented protocol/pathway for the treatment of atopic dermatitis (Yes/No)

Our NHS Trust does not have a documented protocol for the treatment of atopic dermatitis, we follow NICE guidance

b. If 'Yes' answered to 4a, Please confirm whether that protocol/pathway includes provision for the use of biologic therapies as a treatment option for moderate/severe atopic dermatitis (Yes/No)

c. If 'Yes' answered to 4a, please provide a copy of the treatment protocol/pathway

Question 5

a. Please confirm whether your NHS Trust has a multi-disciplinary team in place to treat patients diagnosed with atopic dermatitis (Yes/No)

Our NHS Trust does not have a MDT to treat patients with atopic dermatitis.

b. If 'Yes' answered to 5a, please outline what interventions and services the multi-disciplinary team can offer patients (eg psychodermatology service)

Question 6

a. Please confirm whether you have taken up any Free of Charge (FOC) Medicine Schemes from 2018 - 2020 (Yes/No)

We have not taken up any FOC Medicine Schemes.

b. Please provide a copy of your organisations policy on free-of-charge schemes