



Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-L-007**

Please note that the information we have provided reflects secondary care only. We have provided the information for the period August to November 2022.

### **You asked:**

#### **1. How many patients were treated in last 4 months by the Dermatology department with each of the following:**

- Abrocitinib - 0
- Acitretin - 70
- Alitretinoin - 29
- Azathioprine - 16
- Baricitinib - 17
- Ciclosporin - 13
- Dupilumab - 31
- Methotrexate - 125
- Mycophenolate mofetil - 10
- Pimecrolimus - 0
- Tacrolimus ointment - <5\*
- Tralokinumab - 0
- Upadacitinib- 0
- Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) - To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

#### **2. Of the patients treated in the last 4 months with any of the products listed in Q1, please provide the number of patients by the following age-**



**groups:**

- Age 6-11 - <5\*
- Age 12-17 - <5\*
- Age 18 and above - 310

**3. If possible, could you please provide the number of patients treated in the last 4 months for atopic dermatitis ONLY with:**

- Azathioprine
- Ciclosporin
- Methotrexate
- Mycophenolate mofetil
- Phototherapy (UVB or PUVA)

I can confirm that this information is not held centrally. Patients treated as our patients are not coded by diagnoses on our central information system. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

\* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

