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Our Ref: RFI 36842

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Treatments of Dermatological Conditions.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 7 December 2020. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your patience.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Assistant

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

- **Acitretin**
- **Alitretinoin**
- **Azathioprine**
- **Baricitinib**
- **Ciclosporin**
- **Dupilumab**
- **Methotrexate**
- **Mycophenolate mofetil**
- **Pimecrolimus**
- **Tacrolimus**
- **Upadacitinib**
- **Ultraviolet light therapy**

A1. Please see Table 1.

Table 1

Medication/Treatment	Number of Patients Treated
Acitretin	22
Alitretinoin	3
Baricitinib	Nil
Dupilumab	37
Upadacitinib	Nil
Ultraviolet Light Therapy	22

NB

The Trust does not have access to the number of patients treated with the following medication due to this information not being centrally recorded on the system.

Patients would be prescribed the listed medication by their own General Practitioners to which the Trust would not have access to.

- Azathioprine
- Ciclosporin
- Methotrexate
- Mycophenolate Mofetil
- Pimecrolimus
- Tacrolimus

Q2. *How many patients have been treated in the last 4 months for Atopic Dermatitis, and how many of these patients were under the age of 17?*

A2. Due to the lack of clinical coding the Trust are unable to record the number of patients attending the Dermatology Out-Patient Departments with particular diagnoses, therefore are unable to provide accurate information in relation to the amount of patients treated in the last 4 months for Atopic Dermatitis.

The Trust can confirm there are approximately 830 patients attend per year aged between 0-16 years in the Dermatology Department, many of these patients would be attending for treatment of eczema.