

11 August 2023

Our Ref: RFI 52488

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Psychodermatology Services.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 1 August 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Unscheduled Care, Medicine & Cancer 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

**Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer**

Q1. As of today's date, how many state hospitals provide a Psychodermatology service on-site? Please name them.

A1. There is one Psychodermatology Service in Northern Ireland which is based within the Trust at the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald.

Q2. As of today's date, how many patients with eczema have accessed Psychodermatology services in the last 12 months?

A2. There have been no patients with eczema who have accessed Psychodermatology Services in the last 12 months.

Q3. As of today's date, how many patients with eczema are on the waiting list to access Psychodermatology services?

A3. There are currently no patients with eczema on the waiting list to access Psychodermatology Services.

Q4. As of today's date, how long, on average, are patients with eczema on the waiting list to access Psychodermatology services?

Q5. As of today's date, what % of patients with eczema currently accessing Psychodermatology services have to travel outside of the county in which they live to access them?

Q6. As of today's date, how far, on average, are patients with eczema having to travel, in miles, from their home address to access the Psychodermatology service that they have been referred to?

A4-6 As there are no patients with eczema who have accessed Psychodermatology Services and no patients with eczema currently on the waiting list, these questions do not apply.

Q7. As of today's date, which skin conditions (top 5) were the most commonly referred to Psychodermatology services in the last 12 months? Please rank them 1-5.

A7. The top 5 skin conditions that were most commonly referred to Psychodermatology services in the last 12 months are as follows:

1. Dermatitis Artefacta
2. Chronic Skin Picking
3. Delusions of Infestation
4. Body Dysmorphic Disorder
5. Trichotillomania