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Subject: Dermatology New Patients

REQUEST & RESPONSE

How many new patients were treated for any condition by the Trust's Dermatology Department in the latest 3-month period of October, November and December 2025 (or the latest 3 months available) with the treatments I have provided below?

If you are able to, could you please provide the split of new patients who received their treatment for Psoriasis.

Please can you define a "new patient" as a patient who is receiving any of the treatments listed below for the first time. If a patient received any of the below treatments in 2024 or previous years, they can be classed as a new patient for this period.

	Total Dermatology Department	Psoriasis
Adalimumab [Humira]	<5	<5
Adalimumab [All Biosimilars]	51	50
Etanercept [Enbrel]	0	0
Etanercept [All Biosimilars]	0	0
Infliximab [Remicade]	0	0
Infliximab [All Biosimilars]	0	0
Ustekinumab [Stelara]	0	0
Ustekinumab [All Biosimilars]	7	6
Apremilast [Otezla]	0	0
Bimekizumab [Bimzelx]	<5	<5
Brodalumab [Kyntheum]	0	0
Certolizumab [Cimzia]	0	0
Deucravacitinib [Sotyktu]	0	0
Dimethyl Fumarate [Skilarence]	0	0
Guselkumab [Tremfya]	7	7
Ixekizumab [Taltz]	10	10

Risankizumab [Skyrizi]	29	29
Secukinumab [Cosentyx]	13	11
Spesolimab [Spevigo]	0	0
Tildrakizumab [Illumetri]	0	0

<5

Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.

Please note the above numbers are for our S&O Site only

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

Following a thorough assessment, we regret to inform you that the data for our STHK site is not readily available, and to produce this would exceed the cost limit set out under **Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**.

Section 12 states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of doing so would exceed the **appropriate limit**, which is currently set at £450 for NHS organisations. This equates to **18 hours of staff time**, calculated at a standard rate of £25 per hour, as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In this case, fulfilling your request would require searching every dermatology patient medical record. The Trust has estimated that locating, retrieving, and extracting the relevant information would significantly exceed the 18-hour threshold, even with reasonable efforts to narrow the scope.

We are therefore applying Section 12 of the Act and will not be proceeding with the request in its current form.

However, we would be happy to assist you in refining your request to bring it within the cost limit. For example, narrowing the timeframe, specifying particular departments, or focusing on a specific aspect of the information may help reduce the burden of compliance.

Please let us know if you would like support in revising your request.