

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-305

4 August 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting.

1.
 - a. **Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultants (ii) dermatology specialist nurses are currently in post in your NHS Trust.**
There are 11.89 WTE dermatology consultants and 1.6 WTE dermatology specialists
 - b. **Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultant and (ii) dermatology specialist nurse posts are currently vacant in your NHS Trust**
There is 1.3 WTE dermatology consultant vacant and 0.6 WTE vacant to be filled with dermatology specialist pharmacist.
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.
 - b. **If 'No' answered to question 2a, please confirm how the initiation of biologic therapies are managed locally in patients with atopic dermatitis – N/A.**
 - 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 - N/A.**
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.**
There are 3 dermatology consultants and 1 dermatology specialist nurse responsible for

delivering biologic treatment for atopic dermatitis.

4.

- a. **Please confirm whether your NHS Trust has a documented protocol/pathway for the treatment of atopic dermatitis.**

No.

- 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)**

No departmental protocol for topical or systemic treatment (British association of Dermatologists guidelines used for systemic treatment).

NICE guidelines followed for AD biologic treatment.

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

N/A.

5.

- a. **Please confirm whether your NHS Trust has a multi-disciplinary team in place to treat patients diagnosed with atopic dermatitis.**

Yes.

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

Consultant and CNS care with specialist pharmacy input and allied clinician support where necessary eg Ophthalmology, Immunology. Access to in-house psychodermatology service if required.

6.

- a. **Please confirm whether you have taken up any Free of Charge (FOC) Medicine Schemes from 2018 – 2020.**

No.

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

Please see policy attached.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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