

Reference:	FOI.3553.20
Subject:	Atopic dermatitis
Date of Request:	13 July 2020

Requested:

1. Could you tell me how many Atopic Dermatitis patients have been treated by your trust in the latest four months that you have data available for, and how many of these patients were paediatric versus adult?
2. For all Atopic Dermatitis patients (adult plus paediatric) treated by your trust in the latest four months, could you please provide the number of patients treated with each of the following:

High Potency topical steroids
 Ultraviolet light therapy
 Azathioprine
 Ciclosporin
 Methotrexate
 Mycophenolate mofetil
 Acitretin
 Alitretinoin
 Dupilumab
 Upadacitinib
 Tacrolimus
 Pimecrolimus

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with all of the information being requested, the UHB would need to request and undertake a manual search of all patient records for the last four (4) months to identify any information that fulfils your request.

Therefore, the UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information, where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

Under section 16 of the FOI, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FOI Act and therefore can provide you with some information.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the total number of each medicine requested that was issued during the period 1 March to 30 June 2020. Please note the numbers include all indications and not specific to atopic dermatitis.

Treatment	Number
High Potency topical steroids	66
Azathioprine	50
Ciclosporin	20
Methotrexate	101
Mycophenolate mefetil	38
Acitretin	44
Alitretinoin	2
Dupilumab	20
Upadacitinib	0
Tacrolimus	26
Pimecrolimus	0

Additionally, the UHB confirms, one hundred and eighty (180) patients were treated with Phototherapy, for the period 1 March to 30 June 2020. Please note this includes all indications and is not specific to ultraviolet light therapy.