

FOI REF: 21/154

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Would it please be possible to find out the following information:**

- 1) The average waiting times for psoriasis patients to be seen between 1st March 2018- 1st March 2019**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the average waiting times for psoriasis patients. To enable the Trust to provide the information requested would require a manual review of patients' notes.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

- 2) The average waiting times for psoriasis patients to be seen between 1st March 2019- 1st March 2020**

Please see above.

- 3) The average waiting times for psoriasis patients to be seen between 1st March 2020- 1st March 2021**

Please see above.

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- 4) **Between 1st March 2018- 1st March 2019, the total percentage of biologics in Dermatology for Psoriasis with a Blueteq which has an active "approved" status**

Clarification was sought asking you to confirm what percentage you want for Q.s 4-6, as we believe it could be read in different ways. Do you mean:

the number of “biologics in Dermatology for Psoriasis with a Blueteq which as an active approved status” as a percentage of all “biologics in Dermatology for Psoriasis”

Also, is it the percentage of patients you want, or the percentage of treatments (bearing in mind that it is possible for a given patient to have a valid Blueteq for some treatments during the year but not for others).

Confirmation was received as follows:

The percentage we would like to find out would be: the total percentage of patients on a biologic in Dermatology for Psoriasis with an approved Blueteq status for that treatment.

85.07%.

- 5) **Between 1st March 2019- 1st March 2020, the total percentage of biologics in Dermatology for Psoriasis with a Blueteq which has an active "approved" status**

78.91%.

- 6) **Between 1st March 2020- 1st March 2021, the total percentage of biologics in Dermatology for Psoriasis with a Blueteq which has an active "approved" status**

85.00%.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust ([lynette.wells2@nhs.net](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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