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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1) **In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients were treated by the dermatology department, excluding patients referred for cancer/suspected cancer?**

	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Routine referral	64	55	83	82	86	60
Urgent referral	129	135	147	197	243	82
Appointments New	1128	624	1107	1019	1005	920
Appointments Follow-Up	2476	1922	2400	2180	2175	2075

- 2) **Do you run a specific clinic for patients with atopic dermatitis?**

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not run a specific systemic/biologic clinic for inflammatory patients.

- 3) **In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients with atopic dermatitis were treated by the dermatology department?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the number of patients with atopic dermatitis that were treated by the dermatology department. To enable the Trust to provide this information it would require a manual review of all patients that were seen in the Dermatology Department, which we estimate would take in excess of 18 hours. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

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.

4) In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients with atopic dermatitis were treated with the following products:

a) Immunosuppressants (Azathioprine, Ciclosporin, Methotrexate, Mycophenolate mofetil, Pimecrolimus, or Tacrolimus)	0
b) Abrocitinib	1
c) Baricitinib	0
d) Dupilumab	153
e) Lebrikizumab	0
f) Tralokinumab	9
g) Upadacitinib	11
h) Nemolizumab	3
i) Delgocitinib	0

5) In the last 6 months (November 2025 to April 2026), how many adult patients with atopic dermatitis were started on the following products:

a) Immunosuppressants (Azathioprine, Ciclosporin, Methotrexate, Mycophenolate mofetil, Pimecrolimus, or Tacrolimus)	0
b) Abrocitinib	0
c) Baricitinib	0
d) Dupilumab	5
e) Lebrikizumab	0
f) Tralokinumab	0
g) Upadacitinib	2
h) Nemolizumab	3
i) Delgocitinib	0

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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