

Dermatology Treatments

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,

I have a Freedom of Information query regarding the use of Biologic medicines in Dermatology.

Could you please tell me how many patients were treated in the last 3 months by the Dermatology department (for any medical condition) with the following biologic drugs:

<u>Treatment</u>	<u>No. of Patients</u>
<i>Adalimumab - Humira</i>	16
<i>Adalimumab Biosimilar</i>	172
<i>Apremilast</i>	11
<i>Bimekizumab</i>	≤5
<i>Brodalumab</i>	9
<i>Certolizumab</i>	9
<i>Deucravacitinib</i>	Nil
<i>Dimethyl fumarate</i>	≤5
<i>Etanercept - Enbrel</i>	Nil
<i>Etanercept Biosimilar</i>	≤5
<i>Guselkumab</i>	28
<i>Infliximab - Remicade</i>	Nil
<i>Infliximab Biosimilar</i>	Nil*
<i>Ixekizumab</i>	33
<i>Risankizumab</i>	33
<i>Secukinumab</i>	50
<i>Tildrakizumab</i>	16
<i>Ustekinumab</i>	55

Answer: Please see table above; note the numbers provided above are only partially validated, *asterisked figures have been specifically confirmed by the specialist pharmacist to have been administered by the Trust. However, due to a change in how reports are run within the new EHR system, and the recent integration of trusts we are unable to provide a truly validated position within the time constraints of an FOI request.

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤ 5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.