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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Dermatology services.

*You asked:*

### **Question 1**

- a. Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultants and (ii) dermatology specialist nurses are currently in post in your NHS Trust*
- b. Please confirm how many (i) dermatology consultant and (ii) dermatology specialist nurse posts are currently vacant in your NHS Trust*

### **Question 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/No)*
- b. If 'No' answered to question 2a, please confirm how the initiation of biologic therapies are managed locally in patients with atopic dermatitis*
- 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*

### **Question 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*

### **Question 4**

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

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

**Question 5**

*a. Please confirm whether your NHS Trust has a multi-disciplinary team in place to treat patients diagnosed with atopic dermatitis (Yes/No)*

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

**Question 6**

*a. Please confirm whether you have taken up any Free of Charge (FOC) Medicine Schemes from 2018 - 2020 (Yes/No)*

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

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not provide this service.