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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012566 – Dermatology patients

I have a Freedom of Information request regarding Dermatology patients. In your trust, during the last 12 month period available, please supply the following information:

How many patients have you treated for Moderate or Severe Atopic Dermatitis?

**If this is unknown, how many patients have been treated by your dermatology department in total?
How many patients have you treated for Hidradentis Suppurativa (also called acne inversal)?**

If possible, please state the number of patients by the Hurley's staging;

1. Stage 1

2. Stage 2

3. Stage 3

The Trust does not record what a patient was "treated" for or why they attended a clinic within a centralised electronic reporting system. This information would only be held within individual patient paper records. Patients are booked onto general outpatient clinics, whose clinic slots do not differentiate the types of conditions.

The Trust electronically records diagnoses/procedures for admissions and electronically records some procedures for outpatients (but does not record electronically why they were done). As these are not conditions that a patient would normally be admitted for, it is not possible to extract electronically how many patients were "treated" for them.

However, during the period 01/12/2014 to 30/11/2015, Dermatology saw 24214 outpatients and 675 daycases