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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Chronic Hand Eczema 2025/26

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
For the Year 2025/26 1. How many patients have been treated for Chronic Hand Eczema? Chronic Hand Eczema might also be described as: • Atopic hand eczema/dermatitis • Occupational hand eczema/dermatitis • Irritant contact hand eczema/dermatitis • Allergic contact hand eczema/dermatitis • Hyperkeratotic eczema/dermatitis • Fissured hand eczema • Palmoplantar • Pompholyx • Dyshidrotic hand eczema/dermatitis	Information not held. Diagnosis coding is not completed comprehensively within Outpatient settings additionally we do not have a dedicated clinic for these patients; therefore we are unable to identify this specific cohort.			
2. Of the patients that were seen with Chronic Hand Eczema, how many had Eczema on other parts of their bodies?				
3. Of the patients that were treated specifically for Chronic Hand Eczema (and did not have Eczema on other parts of their body), how many progressed on to one of the following treatments? • Alitretinoin • Phototherapy/PUVA • Delgocitinib				

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• Methotrexate • Ciclosporin • Oral Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors • Injectable biologics				

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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