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You asked

- 1. If I were to be referred to your hospital today for a routine dermatology appointment, please indicate the date today and the first available routine new patient appointment (suggested addition).**

For questions, 1 and 4 the wait time between referral and treatment should not exceed 18 weeks, but in terms of the time between referral and first appointment, this can be anything between 3 and 6 weeks.

Only if the referral priority is 2-week wait can we be relatively specific as to when the patient will be appointed by. Today is the 18 Jan 17 and we have New Paediatric appointments available on the 6TH Feb 17, Adults slots available on the 31st Jan 17.

- 2. For routine referrals, what is the typical waiting time for a new patient appointment for a patient presenting with mild to moderate plaque psoriasis.**

We do not report waiting times for specific conditions (again, unless it is a 2-week wait referral (which we report on suspected cancer site)) we do not report on site or condition referred in for on non 2-week wait referrals.

At present general demand is down to about 2-3 weeks.

- 3. For urgent referrals, what is the typical time for an otherwise fit 80 year old with a four week history of blistering, suggestive of bullous pemphigoid.**

We do not report either on age of patient and wait. However, patients would be seen within 24-48 hours of contacting our reception desk.

- 4. If I were to be referred to your hospital today for an urgent dermatology appointment, please indicate the date today and the first available urgent new appointment.**

Based on a request received on 18/01/2017, the appointment would be 19/01/2017.

5. In 2015, how many dermatology referrals were inappropriately sent to secondary care or community services for excluded skin condition criteria?

The Trust does not hold the information requested in any collated format. Such information could be established from patient referral details however, we could not locate, extract and collate this information within the limitations of the Act. It is therefore considered exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(2) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.(1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

6. In the year 2015/16 how many non-2 week wait dermatology referrals did you receive and how many breached the 18-week target.

For 2015/2016, we saw 10,322 Dermatology patients within 18 weeks and 117 outside of 18 weeks (so over 99% seen within the timeframe).

Regarding the 177 patients seen outside the 18 weeks, please note that there will be many patients that through choice decide to wait longer and so this figure will encompass many distinct patients waiting through multiple months.

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