

FOI3605

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

This request relates to access to NHS dermatology services and waiting times for patients with skin conditions. We are seeking comparable data across NHS Trusts/Boards to understand variation in waiting times and service pressure. Please provide the following information for your Trust/Board, covering the last five financial years where available (2019/20 - 2024/25).

1. Dermatology Waiting Times and Access Indicators

For each financial year listed above, please provide:

a.) Referral-to-Treatment (RTT) elective waiting-time indicators for dermatology services, if held:

- Median RTT waiting time (in weeks)
- Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks (at year-end)
- Number of patients waiting over 52 weeks (at year-end)

Response:

Data not held.

b.) Outpatient dermatology access, if held:

- Median waiting time for a first outpatient dermatology appointment (in weeks)
- Total number of patients on the dermatology outpatient waiting list at year-end

Where possible, please indicate whether data are available broken down by:

- New vs follow-up appointments
- Sub-specialties within dermatology (e.g. inflammatory skin disease, skin cancer, paediatric dermatology), if routinely recorded.

Response:

1.b) Please see table on number of consultant- led outpatients waiting on first appointment. Figures were taken from Outpatient Waiters reports as at dates - the background data does not hold the further breakdown asked for sub specialities within dermatology.

	As at 31/03/2020	As at 31/03/2021	As at 31/03/2022	As at 31/03/2023	As at 31/03/2024	As at 31/03/2025

Median waiting time for a first outpatient dermatology appointment (weeks)	21	54	68	96	72	61
Total number of patients on the dermatology outpatient waiting list at year-end	3940	5659	6302	7224	8104	10188

2. Access to Dermatology Care and Capacity (If Held)

For each year listed above, please provide:

1. The total number of consultant dermatologists employed by the Trust/Board (headcount or FTE, whichever is standard)

Response:

As at 31/03/2025 there were 4.23 WTE Consultant Dermatologists in post

2. Whether the Trust/Board commissions or provides specialist dermatology services beyond general dermatology (e.g. severe eczema, psoriasis, acne, or contact dermatitis clinics)

Response:

There are no trust commissioned specialist dermatology services

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