



Freedom of Information Request – 4129

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
Median RTT Waiting Time
2019/20: 11
2020/21: 25
2021/22: 4
2022/23: 5
2023/24: 6
2024/25: 5
Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks (at Financial year-end - March 31st)
2019/20: 752
2020/21: 507
2021/22: 50
2022/23: 415
2023/24: 586
2024/25: 56
Number of patients waiting over 52 weeks (at Financial year-end - March 31st)
2019/20: 0
2020/21: 59
2021/22: 0
2022/23: 1
2023/24: 60
2024/25: 1

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**

Response

Median waiting time for a first outpatient dermatology appointment (in weeks)

2019/20: 1
 2020/21: 2
 2021/22: 1
 2022/23: 1
 2023/24: 1
 2024/25: 1

Total Number of patients on the Dermatology Outpatient Waiting list at year-end (March 31st) - NEW

2019/20: 2316
 2020/21: 1694
 2021/22: 1279
 2022/23: 1845
 2023/24: 1987
 2024/25: 1314

Total Number of patients on the Dermatology Outpatient Waiting list at year-end (March 31st) - Follow Ups

2019/20: 3248
 2020/21: 2727
 2021/22: 3432
 2022/23: 4347
 2023/24: 5392
 2024/25: 7107

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

- **New vs follow-up appointments** *We are unable to split by new and follow up.*
- **Sub-specialties within dermatology (e.g. inflammatory skin disease, skin cancer, paediatric dermatology), if routinely recorded**
We are unable to provide split by sub-specialities.

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

For each year listed above, please provide:

- **The total number of consultant dermatologists employed by the Trust/Board (headcount or FTE, whichever is standard)**
Currently – 1 x FTE Consultant Dermatologist employed.
- **Whether the Trust/Board commissions or provides specialist dermatology services beyond general dermatology (e.g. severe eczema, psoriasis, acne, or contact dermatitis clinics)**
 Yes