

Date: **25 August 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5903**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request and Our Response (in Bold).

I am writing to enquire if your organisation has any local guidelines for the treatment of psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis using biologic drugs. If such guidelines exist, please could I request a copy.

The Trust does not have specific guidelines for using biologics in this cohort of patients. These are funded via NHSE which has very clear guidance on the use of biologics for these patients.

Please see the internet links below which are all easily accessible via the NICE website.

Dupilumab for treating moderate to severe atopic dermatitis

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA534>

Etanercept, infliximab and adalimumab for the treatment of psoriatic arthritis

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta199>

Adalimumab, etanercept and ustekinumab for treating plaque psoriasis in children and young people

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta455>

Commissioning Medicines for Children in Specialised Services

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/commissioning-medicines-for-children-specialised-services/>

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Yours sincerely

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Quality & Safety team
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