

Ref: 53FOI21.22 – Adult Atopic Dermatitis

Request

- Did Kirklees CCG have a commissioning policy on adult atopic dermatitis between the dates 01.04.2017 and 21.06.2021?
- Does the Kirklees CCG currently (as of July 2021) have a commissioning policy on adult atopic dermatitis?
- Once part of an Integrated Care System, is the CCG aware of plans for the ICS to have a commissioning policy on adult atopic dermatitis in place the next two years (from 21.06.21 to 21.06.23)?

Response

NHS Kirklees CCG came into existence on 1 April 2021. The CCG's commissioning position reflects NHS England guidance on the prescribing of items which can be purchased for self-care over the counter. As below:

Emollients & other skin treatments

That routine funding cease for the prescribing of emollients, shampoos, bath and shower products and fungal nail treatments when prescribed for minor self-limiting conditions (e.g. dry skin without underlying skin condition as set out below) or where predominant purpose is cosmetic (e.g. dandruff or fungal nail treatments).

Patients with moderate or severe skin or scalp conditions (e.g. moderate/severe eczema, psoriasis) continue to be prescribed reasonable quantities of the emollients and other products which have evidence of effectiveness.

The CCG does not currently hold information regarding plans for the ICS to have a commissioning policy on adult atopic dermatitis for the timeframe given. The ICS is not in effect until April 2022.