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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to treatment of myeloproliferative neoplasms and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**We would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions:**

- 1. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:**
  - **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)**
  - **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)**
  - **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. Some of the prescribing will occur in chemotherapy and some would occur on FP prescriptions GP prescribing. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

2. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:
- Ruxolitinib - 10
  - Fedratinib - 0
  - Interferon (any type) - 4
3. Of the patients treated in the past 6 months with Ruxolitinib, how many patients had a diagnosis for:
- Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)- 1
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) - 9
4. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?
- Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?
  - Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?
  - Of these patients, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?
- Q5. How many Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?
- Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?
  - Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?

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- Q6. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of myelofibrosis? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part.

No

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**