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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 November 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding OPCS code for Zoledronic Acid. Specifically you asked for:

Question 1

What is the OPCS code in your Trust for the delivery of Zoledronic acid 5 mg for the treatment of osteoporosis in post-menopausal women and adult men at increased risk of fracture?

The Trust do code Zoledronic Acid if the patient is admitted for it, but there is no specific OPCS code for this drug so we can only code the method of administration, i.e. IV, subcutaneous or intramuscular injection. We would normally use code X29.2 - continuous infusion of therapeutic substance for this drug.

Osteoporosis is ICD 10 code M80* or M81*

Postmenopausal osteoporosis is code M81.0 or M80.0

Question 2

What is the corresponding HRG code that would relate to the OPCS code from Information request 1 for the outpatient delivery of Zoledronic acid 5 mg for the treatment of osteoporosis in post-menopausal women and adult men at increased risk of fracture in your Trust?

Answer: There are 2 HRG codes for the Diagnosis/procedure combinations mentioned above HD39H or HD24H, but they are an estimate as other factors go towards generating the HRG code such as any comorbidities that the individual patient has etc.

Question 3

What is the OPCS code in your Trust for the delivery of Zoledronic acid 4 mg for the prevention of skeletal related events in adult patients with advanced malignancies involving bone or tumour-induced hypercalcaemia?

ICD 10 codes for malignancies involving bone: -

- bone secondary - C79.5
- bone primaries - C40* or C41*

Hypercalcaemia - E83.5 (there is no code to link to a malignancy)

Question 4

What is the corresponding HRG code that would relate to the OPCS code from Information request 3 for the outpatient delivery of Zoledronic acid 4 mg for patients with advanced malignancies involving bone in your Trust?

Answer: There are 2 HRG codes for the Diagnosis/procedure combinations mentioned above HD40H or KC05N, but they are an estimate as other factors go towards generating the HRG code such as any comorbidities that the individual patient has etc.

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

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The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer