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 Email only

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14 December 2020 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 Myelofibrosis and Oesophageal cancer and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Q1. Does your Trust treat the following conditions? If not, which other trust do you refer these patients to?

Advanced oesophageal cancer	Yes
Myelofibrosis	Yes

Q2. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:

Myelofibrosis	16
Myelofibrosis – patients over the age 65	16
Oesophageal cancer (any type)	12
Oesophageal adenocarcinoma	12
Oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma	0
Unresectable Oesophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)	Please see below

The information you require with regards to numbers of cases for Unresectable Oesophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) is recorded by the Royal Victoria Institute (RVI). The RVI can extract the data direct from their records. For further information please contact the RVI. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following postal addresses:

Queen Victoria Road
New Victoria Wing
Royal Victoria Infirmary
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 4LP

Q3. For the oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma patients only, how many patients were treated in the past 6 months with:

Platinum and Fluoropyrimidene based combination treatments (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin with 5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)	10 (8 x EOX, 2 x FLOT)
Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy	2 (PACLITAXEL)
Palliative care only	6

Q4. For myelofibrosis patients only, how many patients (of any age) were treated in the past 6 months with;

Ruxolitinib	16
Hydroxyurea	0
Watch and wait approach	Please see below

The Trust does not centrally record the number of patients on supportive care and not on Ruxolitinib and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. 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.

Q5. Does your Trust participate in any clinical trials for oesophageal cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?

The Trust is currently not running a clinical trial for Oesophageal cancer.

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?

The Trust does not participate in clinical trials for myelofibrosis.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

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