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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th October 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Oncology Melanoma

Q1 I have a freedom of information request regarding the treatment of melanoma. Could you please answer the following questions:

How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for melanoma (any stage):

- **Cobimetinib**
- **Dabrafenib**
- **Dabrafenib + Trametinib**
- **Dacarbazine**
- **Denosumab**
- **Encorafenib + Binimetinib**
- **Ipilimumab monotherapy**
- **Ipilimumab + Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab monotherapy**
- **Nivolumab + Relatlimab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Trametinib**
- **Vemurafenib**
- **Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**
- **Palliative care only**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- Cobimetinib - 0
- Dabrafenib - <5

- Dabrafenib + Trametinib - 15
- Dacarbazine - <5
- Denosumab - <5
- Encorafenib + Binimetinib - 7
- Ipilimumab monotherapy - 0
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab - 14
- Nivolumab monotherapy - <5
- Nivolumab + Relatlimab - 0
- Pembrolizumab - 52
- Trametinib - 0
- Vemurafenib - 0
- Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib - 0
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy - 0
- Palliative care only - data not held for patients on Best Supportive Care, as not on active SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)

Q2 If possible, could you please provide the patients treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for metastatic melanoma ONLY:

- **Ipilimumab monotherapy**
- **Ipilimumab + Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab monotherapy**
- **Nivolumab + Relatlimab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib)**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**
- **Palliative care only**

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- Ipilimumab monotherapy - 0
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab - 14
- Nivolumab monotherapy - <5
- Nivolumab + Relatlimab - 0
- Pembrolizumab - 31
- Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib) - 24
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy - <5
- Palliative care only - data not held for patients on Best Supportive Care, as not on active SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)

Q3 In the last 3 months, how many patients have been initiated* on the following agents for treatment for melanoma?

- Ipilimumab (monotherapy)
- Nivolumab (monotherapy)
- Nivolumab AND Ipilimumab (combination)
- Nivolumab AND Relatlimab
- Pembrolizumab
- Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib)
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy

***Patients are considered initiated if they have not been treated in the previous 6 months with any of the drugs that are part of the named regimen.**

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- Ipilimumab (monotherapy) - 0
- Nivolumab (monotherapy) - 0
- Nivolumab AND Ipilimumab (combination) - <5
- Nivolumab AND Relatlimab - 0
- Pembrolizumab - 14
- Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib) - <5
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy - 0

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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Yours,



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