



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-578

Date: 15th March 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th February 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding renal cell carcinoma and melanoma.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I have a freedom of information request regarding the treatment of renal cell carcinoma and melanoma. Could you please answer the following questions?

How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for renal cell carcinoma?

- **Avelumab + Axitinib**
- **Axinitib**
- **Cabozantinib**
- **Everolimus**
- **Lenvantinib + Everolimus**

- **Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab + Ipilimumab**
- **Pazopanib**
- **Pembrolizumab + Axitinib**
- **Pembrolizumab monotherapy**
- **Sunitinib**
- **Temsirolimus**
- **Tivozanib**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**

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. See below;

- Avelumab + Axitinib = 6
- Axitinib = <5
- Cabozantinib = 12
- Everolimus = <5
- Lenvantinib + Everolimus = <5
- Nivolumab = 14
- Nivolumab + Ipilimumab = 5
- Pazopanib = 5
- Pembrolizumab + Axitinib = 0
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy = 0
- Sunitinib = 6
- Temsirolimus = 0
- Tivozanib = 10
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy = 0

Q2 **How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for melanoma (any stage)?**

- **Cobimetinib**
- **Dabrafenib**
- **Dabrafenib AND Trametinib**
- **Encorafenib AND Binimetinib**
- **Ipilimumab**
- **Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Trametinib**
- **Vemurafenib**
- **Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**
- **Palliative care only**

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- Cobimetinib = 0
- Dabrafenib = 0
- Dabrafenib AND Trametinib = 14
- Encorafenib AND Binimetinib = <5
- Ipilimumab = <5
- Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab = 7
- Nivolumab = 11
- Pembrolizumab = 27
- Trametinib = 0
- Vemurafenib = 0
- Vemurafenib AND 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)

Q3 If possible, could you please provide the patients treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for metastatic melanoma ONLY?

- **Cobimetinib**
- **Dabrafenib**
- **Dabrafenib AND Trametinib**
- **Encorafenib AND Binimetinib**
- **Ipilimumab**
- **Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Trametinib**
- **Vemurafenib**
- **Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**
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- Cobimetinib = 0
- Dabrafenib = 0
- Dabrafenib AND Trametinib = 12
- Encorafenib AND Binimetinib = <5
- Ipilimumab = <5
- Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab = 6
- Nivolumab = 9
- Pembrolizumab = 19
- Trametinib = 0
- Vemurafenib = 0
- Vemurafenib AND 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)

Q4 In the last 3 months, how many patients have undergone full or partial nephrectomy (any of the following OPCS codes M02.1, M02.2, M02.3, M02.4, M02.5, M03.1, M03.9, M04.2, M10.1 or M10.4)?

A4 For the time period November 2021 to January 2022 there were 32 patients who underwent a full or partial nephrectomy

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are

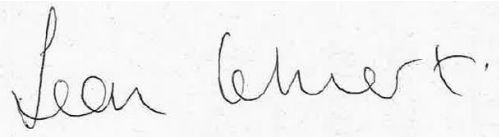
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert
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