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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13th November 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Treatment of Certain Types of Cancer.

I have a freedom of information request regarding the treatment of certain types of cancer. Could you please answer the following questions.

Q1 How many early-stage (non-metastatic or Stages 1-3) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients were treated in the past 3 months with:

- Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)
- Durvalumab (Imfinzi)
- Nivolumab (Opdivo)
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
- Chemotherapy
- Radiotherapy
- Chemotherapy AND Radiotherapy
- Osimertinib

A1 See below:

- Atezolizumab (Tecentriq) - 16
- Durvalumab (Imfinzi) - 5
- Nivolumab (Opdivo) - 8
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) - 37
- Chemotherapy - 68
- Radiotherapy -
- Chemotherapy AND Radiotherapy - 0
- Osimertinib – 28

NB: Total number of patients provided – Staging data exempt, see below:

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally but may be recorded in health records (162 patient records). In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting

relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Q2 How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for gastric and gastro-oesophageal junction cancer (any stage) with:

- **CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin)**
- **FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin)**
- **Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil)**
- **Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)**
- **Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)**
- **Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy**
- **Palliative care only**
- **Zolbetuximab (Vyloy)**

A2 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.

- CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin) - 7
- FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin) - 0
- Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil) - 0
- Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine) - <5
- Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine) - <5
- Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy - 18
- Palliative care only - data not held for patients on Best Supportive Care, as not on active SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)
- Zolbetuximab (Vyloy) - 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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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.

Yours,



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