

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-369

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (received into our office 18<sup>th</sup> October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Systemic lupus erythematosus.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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 Question 1**  
**What guidelines or protocols do you refer to regarding the management of patients with?**  
**a. Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)**  
**b. Lupus nephritis (LN)**

A1 Information not held by UHNM as we do not treat Rheumatology, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this, and they can be contacted at the following email address:

[foi@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@mpft.nhs.uk)

- Q2 Question 2**  
**Please detail the number of patients that were admitted as an inpatient or day case in the last 12 months for the following primary diagnosis:**

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Patient number and care setting	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Inpatient admission	
Day case	

A2 The following is answered under section 16 of the FOI Act: advice and assistance.

Please note that the reason for the admission is not recorded on Careflow therefore without manually checking each record we cannot advise how many patients were admitted for a specific reason.

Also to note the primary diagnosis does not necessarily give the reason for the admission either, the primary diagnosis is the condition that demands the most provider resources during the patient's stay.

Lupus is very rarely coded as a primary diagnosis as the reason why most patients with Lupus are admitted is generally due to complications from Lupus eg, kidney failure and it will be these conditions which will be coded as the primary diagnosis with Lupus been coded as a secondary diagnosis.

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. The below numbers are where the ICD10 code M321 is in the primary diagnosis field.

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Patient number and care setting	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Inpatient admission	<5
Day case	5

Time frame 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Q3 Question 3**

**Do you refer patients within the ICD10 code M321 to another Trust?  
If you answered 'Yes', please detail which Trusts you refer patients to.**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 Question 4**

**Is there a specific clinic for LN patients at your Trust?**

A4 As answer 1

**Q5 Question 5**

**Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the ICD10 code Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321):**

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Product	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)

Azathioprine	
Belimumab	
Ciclosporin	
Cyclophosphamide	
Mycophenolate mofetil	
Oral tacrolimus	

A5 As answer 1

**Q6 Question 6**

Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and primary care for the treatment of lupus nephritis?

If you answered 'Yes', which of the following medicines can be prescribed within the shared care agreement?

	Azathioprine	Ciclosporin	Cyclophosphamide	Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF)	Oral tacrolimus
Yes/No					

A6 As answer 1

**Q7 Question 7**

Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and a tertiary centre for the treatment of lupus nephritis? If so, please specify what medicines can be prescribed in secondary care within these shared care agreements.

A7 As answer 1

**Q8 Question 8**

What is the name of your local integrated care system?

A8 As answer 1

**Q9 Question 9**

For the LN patient pathway, is care commissioned by:

	Activity	Block contract	Blended payment
Yes			
No			

A9 As answer 1

\*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.

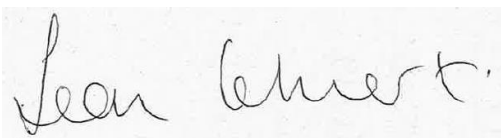
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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](http://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  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**