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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12th July 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding head/neck and urothelial cancer.

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 We are investigating the incidence and treatment of different types of cancer in the UK. We would greatly appreciate if you could answer the below questions:

1. How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) with the following agents?

- Carboplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)
- Cisplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)
- Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy
- Cetuximab with radiotherapy
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy
- Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy
- Nivolumab



- **Docetaxel (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)**
- **Fluorouracil (5FU)**
- **Radiotherapy only**
- **Other**

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.

- Carboplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU) = <5
- Cisplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU) = 7
- Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy = 0
- Cetuximab with radiotherapy = 0
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy = 7
- Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy = 0
- Nivolumab = 0
- Docetaxel (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU) = 0
- Fluorouracil (5FU) = 0
- Radiotherapy only
- Other = <5

We do not have the information whether they are locally advanced or not. We do not keep data on if the patients are locally advanced or not.

Q2 For the patients treated in the past 3 months for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) with the therapies listed in the first question, please provide:

- **Total number of head and neck cancer patients**
- **Number of locally advanced head and neck cancer patients**
- **Number of unresectable recurrent and/or metastatic head and neck cancer patients**

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The information below is for Head and Neck (Squamous Cell Carcinoma) treatments over the period 01.04.2022 to 30.06.2022

- First definitive treatment for new primary cancer = 47
- Second or subsequent treatment for new primary cancer = 17
- Treatment for progression of primary cancer (second or subsequent) = <5

Q3 How many Urothelial cancer patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents?

- **Avelumab**
- **Atezolizumab**
- **Carboplatin with Gemcitabine**
- **Carboplatin single or in any other combination**
- **Cisplatin with Gemcitabine**
- **Cisplatin single or in any other combination**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Any other regimen including Paclitaxel**
- **Any other chemotherapy regimen**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state]**
- **Palliative care only**

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- Avelumab = 0
- Atezolizumab = 6
- Carboplatin with Gemcitabine = <5
- Carboplatin single or in any other combination = 0
- Cisplatin with Gemcitabine = 7
- Cisplatin single or in any other combination = 0
- Nivolumab = 0
- Pembrolizumab = <5
- Any other regimen including Paclitaxel = 0
- Any other chemotherapy regimen = <5
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state] = 0
- Palliative care only - data not held for patients on Best Supportive Care, as not on active SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)

Q4 Does your Trust participate in any ongoing clinical trials for the treatment of head and neck cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?

A4 No trails

*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.

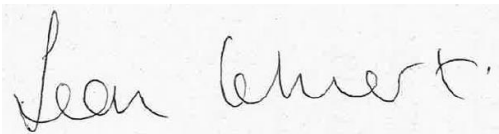
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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,



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