

## Freedom of information request ref 486-2425

1a) Is a multi-disciplinary chronic pain service provided by the Trust? (if yes, please continue to question 2, if no please answer question 1b)

- UHNM Chronic pain service is provided by 5 consultants, 2 associate specialists, 1 band 7 nurse with special interest in acute and chronic pain. We are well supported by administrative team with 5 pain secretaries.
- UHNM has indirect access to community psychology service
- UHNM team can refer to community psychologists who attend UHNM clinics once a month on a regular basis. They assess and manage complex chronic pain patients with yellow flags (psychological co-morbidities).

1b) Where is chronic pain being managed in your organisation for people with:

- i) Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain)
  - UHNM chronic pain clinic receives referrals from oncologists (and surgeons) and palliative care physicians, and they are assessed in our outpatient clinics.
  
- ii) Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)
  - At UHNM outpatient clinics
  - They are also reviewed by Acute Pain team (4 consultants and 5 advanced nurse practitioners) during inpatient ward rounds.

2) Is the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service based in an acute hospital or a community setting? (please expand if needed)

Acute hospital

3) What is the current waiting time from referral to first appointment at the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service?

- It is around 52 to 65 weeks on an average from the time of referral to outpatient clinic
- We triage and expedite cancer pain and aim to see them within 4-6 weeks.

4) Since October 2022, how many people did the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service see with:

- i) Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain)
  - I am afraid that I do not have exact information. We see around 20- 25 patients in a calendar year.

- ii) Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)
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5) Can you please provide demographic information (% gender, age range and % ethnicity) for those seen in the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service with: refer to answer 6

- i) Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain)

Gender:

Age range:

Ethnicity:

- ii) Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)

Gender:

Age range:

Ethnicity:

6) If you cannot answer question 5, can you please explain why?

We have not collected this information.

**Thank you for your time and information, it is much appreciated.**