



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-014

Date: 13th May 2024

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

On 8th April 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:
To continue with your request we require clarification the following:
Are you expecting this info only for new patients starting 1st line treatment?

On 11th April 2024 you replied via email with:

'thank you for the reply to request, in answer to your question, i am looking for total metastatic renal cell carcinoma patients, however if you could also further advise the number of patients starting 1st line therapy that would be helpful'

As of 1st 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 I hope you are well and that you will be able to provide me with assistance with some research I am conducting into Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

Do you use IMDC (International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium) criteria for classifying Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma patients? (Yes or no)

If yes, for the patients treated for Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma during the time period January through to March 2024, how many patients were classified as:

**Favourable risk
Intermediate risk
Poor risk**

A1 Yes, however, 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 your question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health 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*

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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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