



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-146

Date: 14th June 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th June 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding defibrotide.

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 a Healthcare agency working with the NHS and a number of other clients in the healthcare area. In accordance to the right of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to request information regarding the use of defibrotide for the treatment of Hepatic Veno-occlusive Disease at specific hospitals within this NHS Trust.

Please complete the attached spreadsheet for Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Some of the information requested may be available from a reimbursement form (Blueteq form); these are also populated for other medicines and may be acquired either via contacting the Lead Pharmacist/Director of Pharmacy as first port of call, or the Trust Finance division/Procurement department.

We would prefer the answers for the specified hospital within the trust as per the tab in this Excel spreadsheet. If you do not have the data at hospital level, please can you confirm which hospitals are included in the Trust's data?

The questions are laid out in this Excel spreadsheet on the next tab. We would prefer to receive the information requested electronically using this Excel spreadsheet sent back to [REDACTED] please.

Should you have any queries regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address above.

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not require any information that may identify individual patients or pharmacists or that may otherwise be categorised as personal data. I look forward to receiving your response to this request and thank you in advance for your assistance.

A1 UHNM has not coded any inpatient episodes with the clinical ICD10 coding of K765.

Therefore the answer to this FOI is nil for all questions as we have not “diagnosed” anyone with Hepatic Venous Occlusive Disease (ICD-10 K765).

Refer to the attached spread sheet that you supplied

*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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