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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12th September 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding SACT.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Does your Trust provide SACT (systemic anti-cancer therapy) treatments for the following conditions?**

- **Cervical cancer**
- **Endometrial cancer**

**In case you do not provide SACT treatments for either of the above conditions, which other Trust do you refer patients to for these treatments?**

A1 See below:

- Cervical cancer - Yes
- Endometrial cancer - Yes

**Q2 How many patients were treated for cervical cancer in the past 6 months with the following treatments?**

- **Paclitaxel in combination with Platinum and/or Bevacizumab**
- **Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum and/or Bevacizumab**
- **Platinum standalone or in combination with Bevacizumab**
- **Toptecan in combination with Platinum and/or Bevacizumab**
- **Any other SACT**

A2 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. See below:*

- Paclitaxel in combination with Platinum and/or Bevacizumab = <5
- Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum and/or Bevacizumab = 0
- Platinum standalone or in combination with Bevacizumab = 5
- Toptecan in combination with Platinum and/or Bevacizumab = <5
- Any other SACT = <5

**Q3 How many patients were treated for endometrial cancer in the past 6 months with the following treatments?**

- **Dostarlimab**
- **Hormone therapy (Progesterone or Letrozole)**
- **Pembrolizumab in combination with Lenvatinib**
- **Platinum-based chemotherapy (monotherapy or combination with taxanes, anthracyclines, cyclophosphamide)**
- **Any other SACT**

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- Dostarlimab = 0
- Hormone therapy (Progesterone or Letrozole)
- Pembrolizumab in combination with Lenvatinib = 0
- Platinum-based chemotherapy (monotherapy or combination with taxanes, anthracyclines, cyclophosphamide) = 20
- Any other SACT = <5

**Q4 How many endometrial cancer patients received the following therapies as 1st Line treatment in the past 6 months?**

- **Hormone therapy (Progesterone or Letrozole)**
- **Platinum-based chemotherapy (monotherapy or combination with taxanes, anthracyclines, cyclophosphamide)**
- **Any other SACT**

A4 See below: Hormone therapy (Progesterone or Letrozole) section in this section is not held. The drugs are prescribed in primary care.

- Hormone therapy (Progesterone or Letrozole)
- Platinum-based chemotherapy (monotherapy or combination with taxanes, anthracyclines, cyclophosphamide) - 19
- Any other SACT - 0

**Q5 Does your Trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of cervical cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial and the number of patients taking part?**

A5 2 current trials:

HORIZONS Understanding the impact of cancer diagnosis and treatment: HORIZONS: a cohort study to explore recovery of health and well-being in adults diagnosed with cancer – in follow up – 14 patients recruited.

INTERLACE: A phase III multicenter trial of weekly induction chemotherapy followed by standard chemoradiation versus standard chemoradiation alone in patients with locally advanced cervical cancer – open – 16 patients recruited

**Q6. Does your Trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of endometrial cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial and the number of patients taking part?**

A6 None Currently.

\*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](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,



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