Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-456

Date: 29th December 2021

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th December 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding incidence and treatment of Haemophilia A.

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 am analysing the incidence and treatment of Haemophilia A. Could you kindly provide answers to the following questions.

In the last three months, how many patients have been treated by your haemophilia centre with the following products?
- **Advate**
- **Adynovi**
- **Elocta**
- **Esperoct**
- **Factor Eight Inhibitor Bypass Activity (FEIBA)**
- **Hemlibra**
- **NovoEight**
- **NovoSeven RT**
- **Obizur**
- **Refacto AF**

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. See below:
- Advate= <5
- Adynovi = 0
- Elocta= <5
- Esperoct= 0
- Factor Eight Inhibitor Bypass Activity (FEIBA) = 0

- Hemlibra= <5
- NovoEight = 0
- NovoSeven RT= 0
- Obizur= 0
- Refacto AF= 0

Q2 **In the last three months, how many patients were treated with the following products for severe Haemophila A ONLY?**
- **Advate**
- **Adynovi**
- **Elocta**
- **Esperoct**
- **Factor Eight Inhibitor Bypass Activity (FEIBA)**
- **Hemlibra**
- **NovoEight**
- **NovoSeven RT**
- **Obizur**
- **Refacto AF**

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

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- Advate= <5
- Adynovi= 0
- Elocta= 0
- Esperoct= 0
- Factor Eight Inhibitor Bypass Activity (FEIBA) = 0
- Hemlibra= <5
- NovoEight = 0
- NovoSeven RT= 0
- Obizur= 0
- Refacto AF= 0

Q3 **For patients treated with Hemlibra in the last three months, please provide**
- **The number of haemophilia A patients with inhibitors**
- **The number of severe haemophilia A patients with inhibitors**

A3   See below:
- The number of haemophilia A patients with inhibitors= 0
- The number of severe haemophilia A patients with inhibitors= 0

Q4 **How many haemophilia A patients are registered with your centre, and how many of these patients are classified as exhibiting mild, moderate, or severe disease.**

A4   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:

- <5   severe
- <5   moderate
- 71   Mild

*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.
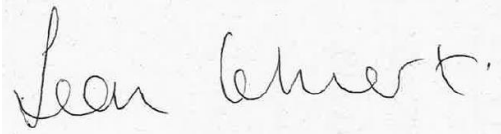
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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.

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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