



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-501

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding breast cancer.

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 I am researching the incidence and treatment of melanoma and breast cancer. Could you please answer the following four questions for patients treated by your trust?**

**1. How many patients are currently (in the past 3 months) undergoing treatment for melanoma, and how many of these are BRAF+?**

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.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

In the past 3 months (1st October to 31st December 2020) less than 100 patients have received a treatment for skin cancer (melanoma). We do not have information pertaining to the BRAF+ status for these. Treatment breakdown is shown below.

First definitive treatment for new primary cancer	46
Anti Cancer Drug (Immunotherapy)	<5
Surgery	45
Second or subsequent treatment for metastatic disease following an unknown primary	<5
Anti Cancer Drug (Immunotherapy)	<5
Second or subsequent treatment for new primary cancer	47
Anti Cancer Drug (Immunotherapy)	<5

Surgery	44
Teletherapy (Beam Radiation excl. Proton Therapy)	<5
Treatment for progression of primary cancer (second or subsequent)	<5
Teletherapy (Beam Radiation excl. Proton Therapy)	<5

**Q2 In the past 3 months, how many melanoma patients (any stage) were treated with the following:**

- **Cobimetinib**
- **Dabrafenib**
- **Dabrafenib AND Trametinib**
- **Encorafenib AND Binimetinib**
- **Ipilimumab**
- **Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Trametinib**
- **Vemurafenib**
- **Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**
- **Palliative care only**

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This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed. See below:

- Cobimetinib = 0
- Dabrafenib = 0
- Dabrafenib AND Trametinib = 13
- Encorafenib AND Binimetinib = <5
- Ipilimumab = <5
- Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab = <5
- Nivolumab = 5
- Pembrolizumab = 27
- Trametinib = 0
- Vemurafenib = 0
- Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib = 0
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy = 0
- Palliative care only - data not held for patients on Best Supportive Care, as not on active SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)

**Q3 If possible, could you please provide the patients treated in the past 3 months with the following therapies for metastatic melanoma ONLY?**

- **Ipilimumab**
- **Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab**

- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Any other therapies**

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- Ipilimumab = <5
- Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab = <5
  
- Nivolumab = <5
- Pembrolizumab = 16
- Any other therapies –  
Dabrafenib & Trametinib = 12

**Q4 In the past 3 months how many patients were treated with the following for breast cancer ?**

- **Abemaciclib + Anastrozole/Exemestane/Letrozole**
- **Abemaciclib + Fulvestrant**
- **Alpelisib + Fulvestrant**
- **Atezolizumab**
- **Bevacizumab**
- **Eribulin**
- **Everolimus + Exemestane**
- **Fulvestrant as a single agent**
- **Gemcitabine + Paclitaxel**
- **Lapatinib**
- **Neratinib**
- **Olaparib**
- **Palbociclib + Anastrozole/Exemestane/Letrozole**
- **Palbociclib + Fulvestrant**
- **Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab + Docetaxel**
- **Ribociclib + Anastrozole/Exemestane/Letrozole**
- **Ribociclib + Fulvestrant**
- **Talazoparib**
- **Transtuzumab + Paclitaxel**
- **Transtuzumab as a single agent**
- **Trastuzumab emtansine**
- **Any other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**

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Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers.

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- Abemaciclib + Anastrozole/Exemestane/Letrozole = <5
- Abemaciclib + Fulvestrant = 13
- Apelisib + Fulvestrant = 0
- Atezolizumab = <5
- Bevacizumab = 0
- Eribulin = 6
- Everolimus + Exemestane = <5
- Fulvestrant as a single agent = 20
- Gemcitabine + Paclitaxel = 0
- Lapatinib = 0
- Neratinib = 8
- Olaparib = 0
- Palbociclib + Anastrozole/Exemestane/Letrozole = 29
- Palbociclib + Fulvestrant = 20
- Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab + Docetaxel = 30
- Ribociclib + Anastrozole/Exemestane/Letrozole = 15
- Ribociclib + Fulvestrant = <5
- Talazoparib = 0
- Transtuzumab + Paclitaxel = 15
- Transtuzumab as a single agent = 30
- Trastuzumab emtansine = 11
- Any other active systemic anti-cancer therapy –  
Vinorelbine = <5  
Capecitabine = 24  
Gemcitabine & Carboplatin = <5

\*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.

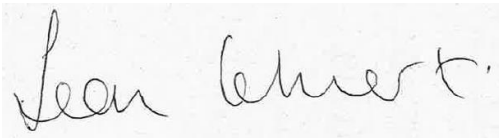
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**