

FOI REF: 21/214

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**I have a Freedom of Information request regarding oncology treatments offered by your trust. Could you please answer the following four questions:**

**1. How many patients were treated (for any condition) in the past 6 months with:**

• <b>Abiraterone</b>	<b>5</b>
• <b>Apalutamide</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Cabazitaxel</b>	<b>11</b>
• <b>Darolutamide</b>	<b>1</b>
• <b>Docetaxel</b>	<b>57</b>
• <b>Enzalutamide</b>	<b>179</b>
• <b>Ruxolitinib</b>	<b>14</b>

**2. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for**

- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)**

A total of 15 patients treated in the last 6 months, including patients over the age of 65.

- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) – patients over the age 65**

3 patients treated over the age of 65.

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- **Prostate cancer**

Section 12(1) applied - see below.

- **Metastatic prostate cancer**

Section 12(1) applied - see below

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the breakdown between Prostate Cancer and Metastatic Prostate Cancer. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of patient records.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

However, we can confirm that there were a total of 97 patients treated for either Prostate Cancer or Metastatic Prostate Cancer.

**3. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?**

22 patients have been diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years.

- **Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxyurea?**

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- **Of these patients, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the number of patients that have received no active treatment. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of patient records.

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**4. How many metastatic prostate cancer patients were treated in the past 6 months with:**

- **Abiraterone**
- **Apalutamide**
- **Cabazitaxel**
- **Darolutamide**
- **Docetaxel**
- **Enzalutamide**

Section 12(1) applied, please refer to question 2.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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