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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:

**Q1. How many patients have you treated (using surgery, radiotherapy or any systemic anti-cancer therapy) in the last three months for:**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a radiotherapy service. Patients are referred to University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust for this service.

- **Breast cancer (any stage)**

**Surgery**

March	28
April	54
May	59

- **Early breast cancer (both early-stage and locally advanced, inclusive of stages I-IIIc)**

The Trust does not centrally record the breakdown of breast cancer. To enable the Trust to provide a breakdown as requested would require a manual review of patients' notes.

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.

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- **Metastatic breast cancer (stage IV)**

The Trust does not centrally record the breakdown of breast cancer by stage. To enable the Trust to provide a breakdown as requested would require a manual review of patients' notes.

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**Q2. How many patients have been treated for breast cancer (any stage) in the past 3 months with the following systemic anti-cancer therapies:**

Abemaciclib + Aromatase Inhibitor (e.g. anastrozole, exemestane, letrozole)	0
Abemaciclib + Fulvestrant	8
Anthracycline (e.g. doxorubicin or epirubicin) as a single agent	11
Atezolizumab + Nab-paclitaxel/Paclitaxel	0
Capecitabine as a single agent	31
<b>Carboplatin or Cisplatin as a single agent</b>	18
Eribulin as a single agent or in combination	2
Everolimus + Exemestane	1
Fluorouracil	0
Fulvestrant as a single agent	0
Lapatinib	0
Neratinib	0
Olaparib	5
Palbociclib + Aromatase Inhibitor (e.g. anastrozole, exemestane, letrozole)	0
Palbociclib + Fulvestrant	9
Pertuzumab + Trastuzumab + Docetaxel	12
<b>Platinum (e.g. carboplatin or cisplatin) as a single agent</b>	Same question as highlighted above.
Ribociclib + Aromatase Inhibitor (e.g. anastrozole, exemestane, letrozole)	0
Ribociclib + Fulvestrant	8
Talazoparib	0
Taxane (e.g. docetaxel, paclitaxel, nab-paclitaxel) as a single agent	36
Transtuzumab as a single agent or in combination	63
Trastuzumab emtansine	12
Any other active systemic anti-cancer therapy	34

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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