

FOI REF: 23/167

4th April 2023

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 query regarding the treatment for Myelofibrosis. Could you please answer the following questions:

Q1. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:

- **Ruxolitinib** 24
- **Fedratinib** 0

Q2. Does your trust treat myeloproliferative neoplasms? If not, which other trust do you refer these patients to?

[Yes, we do treat patients with myeloproliferative neoplasms if clinically appropriate.](#)

Q3. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:

- **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)** 40
- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)** 72
- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older** 59

Q4. Of the patients treated in the past 6 months with Ruxolitinib, how many patients had a diagnosis for:

- **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)** 1
- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)** 21

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Q5. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the number of patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of all haematological cancer patient notes. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

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.

- **Of the patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?**

Please see above, Section 12(1) applied.

- **Of the patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?**

Please see above, Section 12(1) applied.

- **Of the patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?**

Please see above, Section 12(1) applied.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours faithfully

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