

FOI REF: 23/387

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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 has your Trust treated in the past 3 months for:**

- **Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) - any treatment**

[Please see the attached document.](#)

- **Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) - surgical treatment**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust \(ESHT\) does not deliver Surgical Treatments for Lung Cancer. These patients are referred to Guys and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust.](#)

- **Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) – radiotherapy**

[ESHT does not deliver Radiotherapy. These patients are referred to University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust.](#)

- **Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) - systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT)**

[Please see the attached document.](#)

**Q2. How many Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients were treated in the past 3 months with:**

• <b>ALK Inhibitors (Alectinib, Brigatinib, Ceritinib, Crizotinib, Lorlatinib)</b>	<b>1</b>
• <b>Amivantamab</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Atezolizumab monotherapy</b>	<b>3</b>
• <b>Atezolizumab with chemotherapy</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Dabrafenib + Trametinib</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Durvalumab</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Gemcitabine</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Nitendanib + Docetaxel</b>	<b>3</b>
• <b>Nivolumab</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Osimertinib</b>	<b>16</b>
• <b>Other EGFR Inhibitors (Afatinib, Erlotinib, Gefitinib, Dacomitinib Mobocertinib)</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Paclitaxel</b>	<b>2</b>
• <b>Pembrolizumab monotherapy</b>	<b>15</b>
• <b>Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Pemetrexed with carboplatin/cisplatin</b>	<b>14</b>
• <b>RET Inhibitors (Pralsetinib, Selpercatinib)</b>	
• <b>Sotorasib</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Tepotinib</b>	<b>0</b>
• <b>Vinorelbine monotherapy or combination with Carboplatin/Cisplatin</b>	<b>1</b>
• <b>Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state]</b>	
Trametinib	<b>1</b>
Nintedanib	<b>3</b>
• <b>Palliative care only</b>	<b>Section 12(1) applied, please see below.</b>

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record patients being treatment for palliative care only. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of patients' notes to establish if we hold this information, and discussing each patient with individual clinicians which we estimate would take in excess of 18 hours. 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.

**Q3. Of the NSCLC patients treated with Nivolumab in the past 3 months, how many patients received (surgery) or are scheduled to receive surgical treatment after commencement of the treatment with Nivolumab?**

We do not hold this information as treatment planning decisions relating to surgery will be made at Guys and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust and not ESHT.

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](mailto: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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours faithfully

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East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	
Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma - Diagnosed: 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
1 <sup>st</sup> Definitive Treatment	Totals
Surgery	13
Specialist Palliative Care	12
Teletherapy (Beam Radiation excl. Proton Therapy)	12
Anti Cancer Drug (Cytotoxic Chemotherapy)	9
No 1 <sup>st</sup> Treatment Recorded	6
Non-Specialist Palliative Care (excl Active Monitoring)	5
Biological Therapies (excluding Immunotherapy)	1
Chemoradiotherapy	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59</b>