

FOI REF: 24/376

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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 am requesting the following information on local healthcare and support service provision for multiple myeloma patients. Please provide the following information:

1) As of 1 Jan 2024:

a) Total population size served by Regional Board.

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by the following link:

[ESiF \(eastsussexinfigures.org.uk\)](http://ESiF(eastsussexinfigures.org.uk))

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

b) Number of hospitals providing oncology services.

University Hospital Sussex provides consultant oncologists. Oncology treatment is provided at Eastbourne District General Hospital and the Conquest Hospital in Hastings.

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- c) **Total number of consultant haematologists employees; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.**

5.2 x FTE Consultant Haematologists.

2 x Registrars.

4 x Clinical Nurse Specialists.

There are no specialists in Multiple Myeloma.

2) **During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec), please provide the:**

- a) **Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed (Please state which code(s) were used)**

No of Admissions	Primary Diagnosis Admission Episode	Other Position
2087	1925	162

The code used was C90.0

(Please note that Multiple Myeloma and Smouldering Multiple Myeloma are both coded as C90.0)

- b) **If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?**

We are unable to provide this information, as we don't have a Smouldering Multiple Myeloma patient register.

- c) **How many in-person haematology-based consultation/telephone haematology-based consultations/ video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?**

We are unable to provide this information, as we don't have a Multiple Myeloma patient register.

3) **During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec):**

- a) **Were multiple myeloma (MM) patients discussed/reviewed at a MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?**

All Haematology cancer patients are discussed at an MDT.

- b) **How frequently did MDT meetings meet?**

Weekly

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- c) **What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed / discussed at a MDT?**

100%

- d) **Which professionals/disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?**

Consultant Haematologist, Radiologist, Histologist & Clinical Nurse Specialists.

- e) **What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients?**

Supportive palliative care services available to Multiple Myeloma patients. Inpatient palliative care available seven days per week, and community palliative nursing team and hospices.

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

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Yours sincerely

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