

FOI REF: 24/594

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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:

1. **Please complete the table below with how many newly diagnosed patients with AML have started first-line treatment with each of the following therapies during the 6-month period February 2024 to July 2024?**
  - **Azacitidine monotherapy**
  - **Low dose cytarabine (LoDAC) monotherapy**
  - **Venetoclax + azacitidine**
  - **Venetoclax + LoDAC**
  - **Ivosidenib**
  - **Intensive chemotherapy-based regimen**
  - **Examples include: cytarabine and daunorubicin, idarubicin, fludarabine, mitoxantrone, etoposide (VP-16), 6-thioguanine (6-TG), methotrexate (MTX) or 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP), gemtuzumab ozogamicin with daunorubicin cytarabine, or FLAG-Ida (fludarabine, cytarabine, granulocyte-colony stimulating factor and idarubicin)**
  - **Best supportive care**
  - **Other**
  - o **Do not include prophylactic therapies such as GCSF, anti-fungals, antihistamines, anti-nauseants**

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Treatment option	Number of newly diagnosed patients with AML starting first line treatment during the 6-month period February 2024 to July 2024
Azacitidine monotherapy	20
LoDAC monotherapy	0
Venetoclax + azacitidine	7
Venetoclax + LoDAC	2
Ivosidenib	1
Intensive chemotherapy-based regimen	6
Best supportive care	FOIA Section 12(1) Exemption
Other	FOIA Section 12(1) Exemption

#### Section 17 Notice of Refusal

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record how many newly diagnosed patients with AML have received “Best Supportive Care” and how many have received treatment with “other” treatment options. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of all patient records which we estimate would take more than 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.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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