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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) In the last 6 months, how many patients have been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)? 8
 - a) Of these patients, how many commenced treatment at your trust within the last 6 months? 6
- 2) In the last 6 months, how many patients have you treated for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) with the following treatments:
 - R-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone). 6
 - R-mini-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone). 0
 - Pola-BR (polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine). 0
 - Pola-R-CHP (Polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, and prednisolone). 11
 - R-CODOX-M (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin and methotrexate). 0
 - R-IVAC (rituximab, ifosfamide, etoposide and cytarabine). 0
 - R-GCVP (Rituximab, gemcitabine, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisolone). 3
 - (DA)-EPOCH +/-R (Prednisolone, doxorubicin, vincristine, etoposide, cyclophosphamide, rituximab). 0
 - R-GemOX (rituximab, gemcitabine and oxaliplatin). 3
 - Axicabtagene ciloleucel. 0
 - Tisagenlecleucel. 0
 - Epcoritamab. 0
 - Loncastuximab tesirine. 0
 - Glofitamab. 0
 - Any other SACT. 5
 - Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic) 0

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- 3) In the last 6 months, how many patients have received the following 2nd line treatments for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL):
- Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta). 0
 - Tisagenlecleucel. 0
 - Pola-BR (polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine). 0
 - R-GemOX (rituximab, gemcitabine and oxaliplatin). 1
 - Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic). 0
 - Any other treatments. 0
- 4) In the last 6 months, how many patients has the Trust has treated for 3rd line Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)? 2
- 5) In the last 6 months, how many patients have you referred to other trusts for the treatment of Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) for the following treatments:
- CAR-T Therapy (E.g. Axicabtagene ciloleucel).
 - Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic).
 - Any other treatment.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the referral data as requested in question 5. To enable the Trust to establish whether or not this information is held, and to pull whatever data might be available, would require a manual review of all Haematology patient records, which we estimate would take in excess of at least 20 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), 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
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Yours sincerely

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