

FOI REF: 25/143

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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 have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for renal cell carcinoma (any stage):

• Avelumab + Axitinib	1
• Axinitib	1
• Cabozantinib	16
• Everolimus	0
• Lenvatinib + Everolimus	5
• Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab	2
• Nivolumab monotherapy	6
• Nivolumab + Cabozantinib	3
• Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	0
• Pazopanib	1
• Pembrolizumab monotherapy	4
• Pembrolizumab + Axitinib	0
• Radiotherapy only	

Radiotherapy service is delivered by University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, and their contact details are as follows:
By email: UHSussex.foi@nhs.net

• Sunitinib	0
• Temsirolimus	0
• Tivozanib	0
• Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy	0

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- **Palliative care only:**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record patients being treated with palliative care only. To enable the Trust to provide this information will 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.

Q2. In the past three months, how many advanced renal cell carcinoma patients received the following first-line treatments:

• Avelumab + Axitinib (Bavencio + Inlyta)	0
• Cabozantinib (Cometriq)	0
• Nivolumab (Opdivo)	0
• Nivolumab + Cabozantinib (Opdivo + Cometriq)	0
• Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (Opdivo + Yervoy)	0
• Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab + (Kisplyx + Keytruda)	0

Q3. In the last 3 months, how many patients have been initiated* on the following agents for treatment for Renal Cell Carcinoma?

• Nivolumab (monotherapy)	1
• Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	0
• Nivolumab + Cabozantinib	0
• Avelumab + Axitinib	0
• Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab + (Kisplyx + Keytruda)	0

***Patients are considered initiated if they have not been treated in the previous 6 months with any of the drugs that are part of the named regimen.**

Q4. In the last 3 months, how many patients have undergone full or partial nephrectomy (any of the following OPCS codes M02.1, M02.2, M02.3, M02.4, M02.5, M03.1, M03.9, M04.2, M10.1 or M10.4)?

During the period Nov-24 to Jan-25 inclusive there were a total of 19 full or partial nephrectomies carried out. Below is the breakdown by OPCS Code:

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Procedure Count
M021	Nephrectomy and Excision of Perirenal Tissue	3
M022	Nephroureterectomy NEC	5
M025	Nephrectomy NEC	7
M039	Unspecified Partial Excision of Kidney	3
M104	Endoscopic Cryoablation of Lesion of Kidney	1

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 sincerely

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