

FOI REF: 25/521

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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 currently analysing trends in cancer treatments across the UK. Could you please answer the following questions:

1) How many patients were treated for Urothelial cancer (any stage) in the past 3 months with the following treatments:

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| • Atezolizumab (Tecentriq) | 2 |
| • Avelumab (Bavencio) | 2 |
| • Carboplatin single agent or in any other combination | 0 |
| • Carboplatin with Gemcitabine | 2 |
| • Carboplatin with Gemcitabine + Avelumab (Bavencio) | 0 |
| • Carboplatin with Paclitaxel | 0 |
| • Cisplatin single agent or in any other combination | 1 |
| • Cisplatin with Gemcitabine | 0 |
| • Cisplatin with Gemcitabine + Nivolumab (Opdivo) | 0 |
| • Cisplatin with Gemcitabine + Avelumab (Bavencio) | 0 |
| • Enfortumab Vedotin + Pembrolizumab (Padcev + Keytruda) | 0 |
| • Nivolumab (Opdivo) | 0 |
| • Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) | 0 |
| • Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy | 0 |
| • Erdafitinib | 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.

2) How many patients have been treated for metastatic Urothelial cancer in the past 3 months with the following systemic anti-cancer therapies:

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| • Carboplatin single agent or in any other combination | 0 |
| • Carboplatin with Gemcitabine | 0 |
| • Carboplatin with Gemcitabine + Avelumab (Bavencio) | 0 |
| • Carboplatin with Paclitaxel | 1 |
| • Cisplatin single agent or in any other combination | 0 |
| • Cisplatin with Gemcitabine | 0 |
| • Cisplatin with Gemcitabine + Avelumab (Bavencio) | 0 |

3) a) Does your trust participate in any ongoing clinical trials for the treatment of urothelial cancer?

Yes.

b) If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?

PARTIAL ("A randomised trial of the clinical and cost effectiveness of complex PARTIAL vs radical nephrectomy for clinically localised renal cell carcinoma" - 2 patients have been recruited.

HIVEC-Heat - "Hyperthermic intravesical mitomycin mEdac) for pAtients with BCG-unresponsive nonmuscle-invasive bladder cancer Trial" - the target recruitment will be at least 2 patients per year.

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

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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:

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Yours sincerely

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