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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

1. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:

- **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)**

The total number of patients treated as an inpatient with a diagnosis of Polycythaemia Vera (D45X), for the period September 2025 to February 2026, is 33.

- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)**

The total number of patients treated as an inpatient with a diagnosis of Osteomyelofibrosis (D47.4), for the period September 2025 to February 2026, is 13.

- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older**

The total number of patients aged 65 and over, treated as an inpatient with a diagnosis of Osteomyelofibrosis (D47.4), for the period September 2025 to February 2026, is 10.

2. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:

- **Ruxolitinib** 24
- **Fedratinib** 0
- **Momelotinib** 10

3. How many patients were treated with Ruxolitinib in the past 6 months for the following diseases?

- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)** 6
- **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)** 2
- **Other/Unknown** 17

4. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?

The total number of patients diagnosed with Osteomyelofibrosis (D47.4), for the period January 2025 to January 2026, is 45.

- **Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?**

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- **Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?**

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- **Of these patients, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the number of patients that have received no active treatment. To enable the Trust to provide this information it would require a manual review of all patients with a diagnosis of myelofibrosis to establish if they had received any treatment or not, which we estimate would take in excess of 70 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.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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