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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) **Does your Trust treat patients for Lupus Nephritis? (ICD-10 Code: M32.14 SNOMED Code: 68815009) If the Trust doesn't treat patients for Lupus Nephritis, to which Trust does the Trust refer patients on for treatment?**

Lupus Nephritis patients are treated within the Trust's Rheumatology department (with support from the renal unit at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, if required).

- 2) **How many patients have a current diagnosis of Lupus Nephritis? Please can you look at the last three full calendar years of data (2023, 2024, 2025) and provide a total number of patients who had a diagnosis in each year (ICD-10 Code: M32.14 SNOMED Code: 68815009).**

Year	Patients Diagnosed
2023	2
2024	4
2025	1
Total	7

Please note that the data for this question was obtained by using ICD-10 code M32.1 with ICD-10 code N08.5, as advised by the Trust's Clinical Coding team.

- 3) **How many patients have received treatment in the latest four-month period (November 2025 to February 2026 if available) for Lupus Nephritis with the following treatments regimens? (ICD-10 Code: M32.14 SNOMED Code: 68815009)**

- Standard Therapy (Steroids + Mycophenolate Mofetil (MMF))
- Cyclophosphamide (EuroLupus regimen)
- Belimumab (Benlysta)
- Voclosporin (Lupkynis)
- Obinutuzumab (Gazyvaro)
- Ritixumab (MabThera or biosimilars)

- **Rituximab (any other brand)**
- **Any other targeted therapy (please state if possible)**

There were no patients diagnosed with Lupus Nephritis (using ICD-10 code M32.1 with ICD-10 code N08.5) from November 2025 to February 2026 and so there is no treatment data available.

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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