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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:

- How many patients were treated in the last 3 months with any systemic anti-cancer therapies for Gastric cancer or cancer of the Gastro-Oesophageal Junction?**

There were 38 patients. Please note that the number of patients being treated is lower than the total number of patients provided in response to question 2 (which is 46). This is because some patients switched treatments during the last three months.

- How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for gastric cancer (any stage) with:**

• CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin)	11
• FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin)	1
• Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil)	0
• Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)	1
• Pembrolizumab (any formulation) in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)	0
• Pembrolizumab (395 mg or 790mg solution for injection only) in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)	6
• Zolbetuximab (Vyloy)	0
• Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy	22
• Palliative care only	*
• Trastuzumab in combination with cisplatin and capecitabine (or 5-fluorouracil)	4
• Taxanes (e.g. docetaxel, paclitaxel)	1
• Irinotecan Chemotherapy	0

- * East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record patients being treated for 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.

3. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for cancer of the gastro-oesophageal junction (any stage) with:

• CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin)	1
• FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin)	0
• Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil)	0
• Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)	0
• Pembrolizumab (any formulation) in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)	0
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• Zolbetuximab (Vyloy)	0
• Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy	1
• Palliative care only	*
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• Taxanes (e.g. docetaxel, paclitaxel)	0
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- * Section 12(1) applied, please refer to question 2.

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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