

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-838

15 November 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Please answer the questions with regards to NHS patients, i.e., excluding patients that received treatment as part of clinical trials or private healthcare.

Patients with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)

1. How many patients with AML, in total, have been treated with the following therapies during the last 6 months, irrespective of start date or line of therapy?

- **Azacitidine monotherapy** 14
- **Low dose cytarabine (LoDAC) monotherapy** *
- **Venetoclax + azacitidine** 12
- **Venetoclax + LoDAC** 0
- **Ivosidenib** 0
- **Intensive chemotherapy-based regimen** 26
- **Other** *

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

2. How many newly diagnosed patients with AML have started first-line treatment with the following therapies during the last 6 months?

- **Azacitidine monotherapy** 0

- Low dose cytarabine (LoDAC) monotherapy 0
- Venetoclax + azacitidine *
- Venetoclax + LoDAC 0
- Ivosidenib 0
- Intensive chemotherapy-based regimen 10
- Other 0

Note: this should only include patients who have started first-line treatment during the 6-month window

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3. (a) Of the patients with AML treated with venetoclax (venetoclax + azacitidine or venetoclax + LoDAC) in the last 6 months, how many are approved for treatment via Blueteq?

Nine

Patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)

4. How many patients with CLL have received treatment with venetoclax in the past 6 months (including venetoclax monotherapy, venetoclax + rituximab, venetoclax + obinutuzumab or venetoclax + ibrutinib)?

Note: this should include patients who started treatment prior to the 6-month window
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5. How many patients with CLL who were new to all lines of treatment received venetoclax in the past 6 months (including venetoclax monotherapy, venetoclax + rituximab, venetoclax + obinutuzumab or venetoclax + ibrutinib)?

Note: this should include only patients who have started treatment during the 6-month window

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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