

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-355**

21 August 2020

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.

**1. Number of patients treated for Hepatic Venous Occlusive Disease (ICD-10 K765) and their age at the time of treatment.**

Please see attached excel spreadsheet.

**2. Number of patients diagnosed with VOD and treated with defibrotide split by patient criteria, by age and by transplant type.**

Please note that the Trust cannot report on drug treatment per diagnosis. To identify this information it would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete as it would require manual trawl of individual notes and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the FOI Act 2000. Please see below the unique patients treated with Defibrotide regardless of diagnosis:

Age	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
> 18	0	0	1	0
< 18	3	3	4	4

Age	Apr19	May19	Jun19	Jul19	Aug19	Sep19	Oct19	Nov19	Dec19	Jan20	Feb20	Mar20
> 18	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
< 18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1

**3. Blueteq applications submitted for the use of defibrotide for the treatment of severe veno-occlusive disease (VOD) after stem cell transplant.**

Please see attached excel spreadsheet.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
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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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