

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-564

27 October 2022

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. What is the average total cost to the NHS per single procedure of extracorporeal photopheresis (ECP) for a patient with chronic graft-versus-host disease (cGVHD) who receives treatment at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)? Please provide the most recent cost data available.

The average cost is £13,408.

2. How many patients with cGVHD have received at least one procedure of ECP at UHBW per year, for the past five years?

01/10/2017 - 30/09/2018 - 0

01/10/2018 - 30/09/2019 - *

01/10/2019 - 30/09/2020 - 6

01/10/2020 - 30/09/2021 - *

01/10/2021 - 30/09/2022 - 7

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. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

3. What is the average number of ECP procedures administered to patients with cGVHD who receive treatment at UHBW, in the past five years?

01/10/2017 - 30/09/2018 - 0

01/10/2018 - 30/09/2019 - *

01/10/2019 - 30/09/2020 - 20.17

01/10/2020 - 30/09/2021 - 10.25

01/10/2021 - 30/09/2022 - 6.71

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4. What is the average duration of ECP treatment for patients with cGVHD at UHBW, in the past five years?

6.9 days

5. How many patients with cGVHD have had overnight accommodation and/or travel costs reimbursed because of travel distance to ECP centres, per year, in the past five years?

None.

6. What is the average cost of accommodation and travel expenses for these patients funded by the NHS? Please provide the most recent data available.

Not applicable.

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
BS1 3NU

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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