

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-670

21 November 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

Q1. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 3 months with any systemic anti-cancer therapy for:

- Oesophageal cancer (any type or stage) 48
- Oesophageal adenocarcinoma (any stage) 38
- Oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma (any stage) 7
- Gastric cancer (any type or stage) 14
- Cancer of the gastro-oesophageal junction (any stage) 0

Q2. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for gastric and gastro-oesophageal junction cancer (any stage) with:

- CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin) 9
- FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin) 0
- Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil) 0
- Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine) 0
- Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy 8
- Palliative care only

We do not hold this information due to the vast number of ways patient can be referred to palliative care services, some of which bypass University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust entirely.

Q3. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for Oesophageal cancer (any stage) with:

- Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine) *
- Platinum and Fluoropyrimidine based combination treatments (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin with 5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine) 37

- **Nivolumab monotherapy** 0
- **Nivolumab and Ipilimumab** 0
- **Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy** 9
- **Palliative care only**

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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).

Q4. Of the Oesophageal Cancer patients (from Q3) treated with Pembrolizumab in the past 3 months, how many patients were treated for:

- **Oesophageal adenocarcinoma** *
- **Oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma** 0

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Q5. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for advanced/metastatic oesophageal cancer ONLY with:

- **Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidene (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)** *
- **Platinum and Fluoropyrimidene based combination treatments (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin with 5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)** 17
- **Nivolumab monotherapy** 0
- **Nivolumab and Ipilimumab** 0
- **Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy** 7
- **Palliative care only**

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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
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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