

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-348

23 April 2024

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.

1. Do you treat patients with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) in your Trust?

Yes

If yes, please proceed to Question 3, if no, please answer Question 2

2. Where do patients diagnosed with AML in your Trust receive treatment?

Not applicable

3. Please complete the table below with how many newly diagnosed patients with AML have started first-line treatment with each of the following therapies during the 6-month period October 2023 to March 2024?

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

o Examples include: cytarabine and daunorubicin, idarubicin, fludarabine, mitoxantrone, etoposide (VP-16), 6-thioguanine (6-TG), methotrexate (MTX) or 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP), gemtuzumab ozogamicin with daunorubicin cytarabine, or FLAG-Ida (fludarabine, cytarabine, granulocyte-colony stimulating factor and idarubicin)

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

- **Best supportive care**

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

- **Other - ***

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o Do not include prophylactic therapies such as GCSF, anti-fungals, antihistamines, anti-nauseants

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

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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