

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-555

17 July 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

Q1. In the last 6 months, how many patients have been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)?

25

Q1a. Of these patients, how many commenced treatment at your trust within the last 6 months?

We are unable to provide this information. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

Q2. In the last 6 months, how many patients have you treated for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) with the following treatments:

R-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone) - 8

R-mini-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone) - 0

Pola-BR (polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine) - 0

Pola-R-CHP (Polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, and prednisolone) - 10

R-CODOX-M (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin and methotrexate) - 0

R-IVAC (rituximab, ifosfamide, etoposide and cytarabine) - 0

Axicabtagene ciloleucel - 14

Tisagenlecleucel - 0

Epcoritamab - 0

Loncastuximab tesirine - 0

Glofitamab - 0

Any other SACT - 14

Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic) - *

Q3. In the last 6 months, how many patients have received the following 2nd line treatments for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL):

Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta): - *

Tisagenlecleucel: - 0

Pola-BR (polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine): - 0

Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic): - *

Any other treatments: - 6

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.

Q4. Do you participate in any active clinical trials for Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part or enrolling?

Phase 3 double-blind trial of tafasitamab plus lenalidomide in DLBCL

Number of patients recruited: - *

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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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