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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 209-2020**

Thank you for your email dated the 19<sup>th</sup> September, requesting information in relation to 5FU Toxicity.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be obliged if you would please provide answers to the following 2 questions:**

**Q1**

**What is the protocol or approach used by the Oncology Specialty in your Health Trust since 01/01/2016 to prevent serious or fatal toxicity to 5-FU or capecitabine or tegafur when prescribed for a range of malignancies, particularly breast and gastrointestinal cancers?**

**There are a range of protocols covering all Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) treatments, those containing 5-FU, capecitabine or tegafur contain information on toxicity management & dose modifications.**

**Q2**

**How many fatalities or cases of serious toxicity have occurred in your Health Trust due to this specific issue since 01/01/2016?**

**The number of patients who received Capecitabine or 5FU and experienced CTCAE grade 4 toxicity was 68 patients since toxicity information started to be entered into the Electronic Patient Record from June 2016 to present. There are no CTCAE grade 5 entries recorded in the Trust's Electronic Patient Record and no records of any deaths (via death certificate records or post mortem information) where Capecitabine or 5FU this was listed as the primary cause of death or as a contributing factor.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.