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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 101-2021

Thank you for your email dated the 15th April 2021, requesting information in relation to delivery of care for Melanoma cancer patients.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1. Within your NHS Trust could you confirm what 'follow up regime' you normally provide for newly diagnosed patients by Melanoma Stage (IA-IIC) and the number of years (1 to 5) the follow up continues for, in line with your clinical protocols? To help with completion we have inserted a table below. Or please provide back in excel if easier.**

N/A – The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not currently treat stage I-II melanoma. These patients would need to be surgically managed, therefore, as a non-surgical Trust these patients would be referred out to other Trusts.

**|Melanoma Stage at diagnosis| |No. follow up visits in 1st Year
| |No. follow up visits in 2nd Year| |No. follow up visits in 3rd
Year| |No. follow up visits in 4th Year| |No. follow up visits in
5th Year|**

IA

IB

IIA

IIB

IIC

2. **Could you please provide a copy of the latest service specification for your Melanoma skin cancer service at the Trust, which shows the care pathway that you provide? Normally found under ‘Schedule 2’ of the Standard contract in place, with your commissioner**

N/A –Please see above

3. **Could you please confirm if you use any ‘send away dermatopathology services’ within your NHS Trust? A send away or referral service is one where the pathology work is contracted out to a third party laboratory. Yes or No**

N/A –Please see above

4. **Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2018/19, the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?**

N/A –Please see above

To help with the completion, we have inserted a table below for ease.

| Stage | | Total Patients reviewed | | Total Sentinel lymph nodes completed |

ALL

IA

IB

IIA

IIB

IIC

Please note: To help with this question 4, the OPCS code for Sentinel lymph node is 'O14.2 + ICD-10 code C43 Malignant melanoma of skin', then supported by the cancer stage.

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.

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