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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 172-2017

Thank you for your email dated 2nd October 2017 requesting information regarding blood cancer treatment.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. What haematological (blood) cancers are treated at the trust?

- Lymphoma
- Leukaemia
- Myeloma

2. In May 2015 how many blood cancer patients were under the care of your trust?

The Haemato-Oncology service transferred from the Liverpool Royal University Hospital to The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust in July 2017. Therefore, in order to obtain information from before this date, please contact the FOI team at the Liverpool Royal University Hospital directly. Please visit their website via the following link:

<http://www.rlbuht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/submit-a-request/>

3. In May 2015 how many leukaemia patients were under the care of your trust?

(As above)

- How many of these are chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) patients?

- How many of these are chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) patients?
- How many of these are Acute Lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) patients?
- How many of these are Acute Myeloid leukaemia (AML) patients?

4. As of September 2017 how many blood cancer patients are under the care of your trust?

387

5. As of September 2017 how many leukaemia patients are under the care of your trust?

71

- How many of these are chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) patients?

38

- How many of these are chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML) patients?

6

- How many of these are Acute Lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) patients?

8

- How many of these are Acute Myeloid leukaemia (AML) patients?

19

6. The total number of haematology clinical nurse specialists in your trust in May 2015.

Please see response to question 2 above.

7. The total number of haematology clinical nurse specialists in your trust in September 2017.

SpN's are all disease specific. There are no generic posts.

8. The total number of blood cancer specific clinical nurse specialists in your trust in May 2015.

Please see response to question 2 above.

9. The total number of blood cancer specific clinical nurse specialists in your trust in September 2017.

**1 – Nurse Clinician in Lymphoma
1 – Nurse Clinician in Myeloma
1 – Nurse Clinician in Leukaemia
2 – SpN in Lymphoma
1 – SpN in Leukaemia
1 – SpN in Myeloma
2.5 – SpN in BMT / Scheduling (this includes clinical trials)
0.5 – SpN in TYA**

As well as SpN's we have Trials Nurses who also provide specialist nurse support. This includes 3 Leukaemia Trials Nurses, 1 Myeloma and 2 Lymphoma.

10. The total number of leukaemia specific clinical nurse specialists in your trust in May 2015.

Please see response to question 2 above.

11. The total number of leukaemia specific clinical nurse specialists in your trust in September 2017.

One

12. Are haematology/blood cancer clinical nurse specialists at your trust required to undertake normal ward duties?

No

13. Have you measured patient access to a clinical nurse specialist within your trust? If so what was the outcome of this.

Yes through the National Cancer Survey. We have increased the number of clinical nurse specialists.

14. Have you measured the cost value or savings relating to haematology/blood cancer clinical nurse specialists in the trust? If so what were your findings?

No

15. Do you have or plan to have any funding in place for training more haematology or blood cancer specific clinical nurse specialists?

Yes. Additional Leukaemia SpN due to growth in numbers. Increase in the number of Nurse Clinicians.

If you do not have any specialised leukaemia clinical nurse specialists please answer:

16. As of September 2017 how many patients are there per haematology clinical nurse specialist in your trust?

N/A

17. As of September 2017 how many blood cancer patients are there per haematology clinical nurse specialist in your trust?

N/A

18. As of September 2017 how many leukaemia patients are there per haematology clinical nurse specialist in your trust?

N/A

If you have specialised leukaemia clinical nurse specialists please answer:

19. As of September 2017 how many leukaemia patients are there per leukaemia clinical nurse specialist in your trust?

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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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