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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 83- 2019

Thank you for your email dated 21st March 2019 requesting information in regards to the number of patients diagnosed with peritoneal and pleural mesothelioma.

The information that you require is as follows:

Can you please provide me with the number of patients diagnosed with peritoneal mesothelioma for each of the following years; 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, as well as the number of patients diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma for each of the following years; 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

If the number of cases diagnosed for any of the above years are too small for you to report on then please state for which year/s this applies and whether this applies to peritoneal mesothelioma or pleural mesothelioma. Furthermore, where the number of diagnosed cases are too small to be reported, please state the minimal number of diagnosed cases which must exist to be reportable through Freedom of Information requests?

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 our Trust is unable to release all of the information requested. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a relatively small Trust and by providing this level of detail where the number of patients is less than or equal to five increases any 'potential' risk of this data becoming identifiable information and thereby contravening one or more of the Data Protection Principles by releasing it into the public domain. Confidentiality is expected in such matters. This information is therefore exempt under Section 40: Personal Information, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The areas where this exemption has been applied is shown in the table below.

Year of diagnosis	Peritoneal Mesothelioma	Pleural Mesothelioma
2013	Exempt under S.40 Personal Information	67
2014	0	68
2015	Exempt under S.40 Personal Information	72
2016	Exempt under S.40 Personal Information	63

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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>