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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 39 - 2020

Thank you for your email dated the 3rd February 2020, requesting information relating to iron infusions.

The information that you require is as follows:

How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?

Since we began electronic prescribing on June 24th 2019 we have not issued any iron infusions.

How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferinject?

Please see response below.

What was the average weight of these patients?

Please see response below.

How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

Please see response below.

Section 12: Appropriate Limit

Following a scoping exercise completed by our Pharmacy Department, it has become evident that in order to meet the full requirements of this request, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. This information is not held centrally. Therefore, in order to collate this information for the time period prior to the 24th June 2019, would require a member of staff to search through a large number of paper

prescriptions and records, and manually extract the information required. It is estimated that this would take in excess of 18 hours.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit', which for local authorities is £450, or 18 hours (at £25 per hour). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days locating the documents that contain the information and extracting the relevant information containing it. This would take considerable time and cost which we estimate will exceed the "appropriate limit".

How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?

Our Trust does not conduct any iron infusion clinics. This would only be given as an inpatient when needed

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>