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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 251-2020**

Thank you for your email dated the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020, requesting information in relation to the use of defibrotide for the treatment of Hepatic Venous-occlusive Disease.

The information that you require is as follows:

**Please find our completed response spreadsheet attached in Appendix 1.**

**Please note 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 (CCC) 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 are shown in the attached response spreadsheet.**

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>**

# Appendix 1

Please complete the following table:

		NHS Year from April to March				2019/2020											
		2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
		Number of patients with a diagnosis of Hepatic Venous Occlusive Disease (ICD-10 K765) and their age at the time of treatment in the following time periods	Adult (aged 18+)	0	0	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child (aged 17 or under)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

How many Blueteq application forms were submitted (for reimbursement) for the use of defibrotide for the treatment of severe veno-occlusive disease (VOD) after stem cell transplant in the specified time periods below?

		NHS Year from April to March				2019/2020											
		2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
		Blueteq applications submitted for the use of defibrotide for the treatment of Hepatic Venous Occlusive Disease (VOD) after stem cell transplant	Adult (aged 18+)	0	0	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child (aged 17 or under)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

From the Blueteq forms of the patients above treated for Hepatic Venous Occlusive Disease, please now provide the number of those patients treated with defibrotide split by; patient criteria, age and transplant type

			NHS Year from April to March				2019/2020											
			2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
			Number of patients diagnosed with VOD and treated with defibrotide split by patient criteria, by age and by transplant type	Modified Seattle Criteria	Adult (aged 18+)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult (aged 18+)	0	0			Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child (aged 17 or under)	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child (aged 17 or under)	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore Criteria	Adult (aged 18+)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Adult (aged 18+)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child (aged 17 or under)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child (aged 17 or under)	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0