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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th December 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the treatment of ovarian cancer.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Wilmington Healthcare is analysing the treatment of ovarian cancer. We would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions.**

**1. How many patients have been treated for advanced (FIGO Stages III and IV) high-grade ovarian (epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal) cancer over the last 3 months? If none, do you refer ovarian cancer patients to another trust, if so which one?**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

<5 patients were diagnosed during the period 01.07.2021 to 30.09.2021 at UHNM with FIGO Stages III & IV ovarian cancer who received first treatment

**Q2 How many ovarian cancer patients (any stage) have been treated in the last 3 months with?**

- Paclitaxel in combination with a platinum-based compound
- Platinum-based therapy alone (cisplatin or carboplatin)
- Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin
- Olaparib
- Olaparib + Bevacizumab
- Niraparib
- Rucaparib

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- Paclitaxel in combination with a platinum-based compound = 7
- Platinum-based therapy alone (cisplatin or carboplatin) = 8
- Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin = 7
- Olaparib = 5
- Olaparib + Bevacizumab = 0
- Niraparib = <5
- Rucaparib = 9

**Q3 Of the ovarian cancer patients (any stage) treated over the last 3 months, how many patients:**

- **Received HRD (homologous recombination deficiency) testing**
- **Received BRCA testing**
- **Tested HRD positive**
- **Tested BRCA positive (BRCAm)**

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HRD Testing commenced at UHNM 1/11/21. 5 patients have been tested to date.

19 patients have consented to germline BRCA testing over the past 3 months.

Results for HRD testing: <5 of the <10 patients results are still awaited. One result available which confirms HRD and BRCA <5 Positive

Of the 19 patients that have received germline BRCA testing over the past 3 months. We have 10 reported to date which are BRCA wildtype. We are awaiting 9 reports from the lab.

**Q4 If data for HRD testing is available, please provide how many HRD positive patients were treated in the last 3 months with:**

- **Olaparib**
- **Olaparib + Bevacizumab**
- **Niraparib**
- **Other treatments**

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<5 patient currently receiving carboplatin / paclitaxel + Bevacizumab

**Q5 If data for HRD and BRCA testing is available, please provide how many HRD positive-BRCA positive patients were treated in the last 3 months with:**

- **Olaparib**
- **Olaparib + Bevacizumab**
- **Niraparib**
- **Other treatments**

A5 As answer 4

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

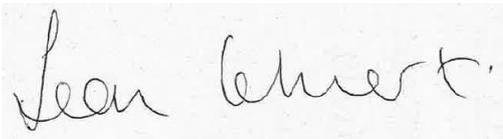
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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