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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding head/neck and urothelial 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 We are investigating the incidence and treatment of different types of cancer in the UK. We would greatly appreciate if you could answer the below questions:**

**1. How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) with the following agents?**

- Carboplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)
- Cisplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)
- Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy
- Cetuximab with radiotherapy
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy
- Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy
- Nivolumab
- Docetaxel (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)
- Fluorouracil (5FU)
- Radiotherapy only
- Other

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.*

See below: note, Histology is not routinely entered for head and neck, head and neck diagnosis are rarely entered onto the system, therefore this is not held

- Carboplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU) = 6
- Cisplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU) = 20
- Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy = 0
- Cetuximab with radiotherapy = 0
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy = 6
- Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy = 0
- Nivolumab = <5
- Docetaxel (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU) – Included with Cisplatin & Carboplatin numbers
- Fluorouracil (5FU) - Included with Cisplatin & Carboplatin numbers
- Radiotherapy only = not held
- Other = 0

**Q2 For the patients treated in the past 3 months for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) with the therapies listed in the first question, please provide:**

- **Total number of head and neck cancer patients**
- **Number of locally advanced head and neck cancer patients**
- **Number of unresectable recurrent and/or metastatic head and neck cancer patients**

A2 See below:

- Total number of head and neck cancer patients = 34
- Number of locally advanced head and neck cancer patients = 19
- Number of unresectable recurrent and/or metastatic head and neck cancer patients = 15

**Q3 How many Urothelial cancer patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents?**

- **Avelumab**
- **Atezolizumab**
- **Carboplatin with Gemcitabine**
- **Carboplatin single or in any other combination**
- **Cisplatin with Gemcitabine**
- **Cisplatin single or in any other combination**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Any other regimen including Paclitaxel**
- **Any other chemotherapy regimen**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state]**
- **Palliative care only**

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See below:

- Avelumab = 0

- Atezolizumab = 6
- Carboplatin with Gemcitabine = < 5
- Carboplatin single or in any other combination = 0
- Cisplatin with Gemcitabine = 6
- Cisplatin single or in any other combination = 0
- Nivolumab = < 5
- Pembrolizumab = < 5
- Any other regimen including Paclitaxel = 0
- Any other chemotherapy regimen – See below
- Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state] – 5FU & Mitomycin - = <5
- Palliative care only - data not held for patients on Best Supportive Care, as not on active SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)

**Q4 Does your Trust participate in any on-going clinical trials for the treatment of head and neck cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?**

A4 No

**Q5 Does your Trust participate in any on-going clinical trials for the treatment of urothelial cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?**

A5 No

\*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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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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