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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Myelofibrosis

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 I have a freedom of information query regarding the treatment for Myelofibrosis. Could you please answer the following questions?**

**How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with?**

- **Ruxolitinib**
- **Fedratinib**

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.*

- Ruxolitinib - 23
- Fedratinib <5

**Q2 Does your Trust treat myeloproliferative neoplasms? If not, which other Trust do you refer these patients to?**

A2 Yes, the Trust does treat myeloproliferative neoplasms

**Q3 Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:**

- **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)**
- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)**
- **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older**

A3 Information not held on 'D' codes

**Q4 Of the patients treated in the past 6 months with Ruxolitinib, how many patients had a diagnosis for:**

- Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)
- Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)

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- Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45) = <5
- Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) = 21

**Q5 How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your Trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?**

- Of the patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?
- Of the patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?
- Of the patients diagnosed with myelofibrosis in the past 3 years, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?

A5 Information not held on 'D' codes

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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.

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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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