



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-362

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th October 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding medicines by diagnosis

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 am conducting research on the usage of medicines by diagnosis in secondary care and kindly request your help.**

**I would like to request two reports from your Trust, to inform this research:**

**DCB2212 Drug Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report.**

**I would be grateful if you could send all the data fields specified in appendix 1 (see attached). Please do not send patient IDs or cost data from the original report, as I appreciate this information would compromise data privacy and commercial sensitivity. DrPLCM data for the period Apr 2019 to Sep 2021, for all hospitals in your NHS Trust, in .csv format.**

**Appendix 1**

**[1] DCB2212 Drug Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report.**

**Please include the following data fields from the NHS DrPLCM technical specification:**

Field Number	Name of "Data Element"	Comment
1	FINANCIAL MONTH	
2	FINANCIAL YEAR	
5	ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)	
9	ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)	
19	ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE	
22	CLINICAL INTERVENTION DATE (DRUG DISPENSED)	
23	THERAPEUTIC INDICATION CODE (SNOMED CT)	Please inc. indication code (SNOMED or ICD) and / or indication

		description, whichever you have
24	HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG CODE (SNOMED CT DM+D)	
25	DM+D TAXONOMY CODE (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
26	DRUG NAME (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
27	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION (SNOMED CT DM+D)	
28	DRUG STRENGTH (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
29	DRUG VOLUME (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
30	DRUG PACK SIZE (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
31	DRUG QUANTITY OR WEIGHT PROPORTION (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
32	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT (SNOMED CT DM+D)	
33	DISPENSING ROUTE (HIGH COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	
35	COMMISSIONED SERVICE CATEGORY CODE	

A1 Refer to the attached spread sheet: note: There is one for the period April 2019 to September 2021 for SCT and the CSU.

Q2 A report stating the unique number of patients treated in the last 3 months.

I would be grateful if you could run an extract from your chemotherapy ePMA system, if you have one, showing the unique number of patients treated for oncology and malignant haematology conditions for the 3-month period Jul 2021 to Sep 2021 by drug name by indication, the field definitions for which can be found in appendix 2 (see attached), in .csv format.

Appendix 2

A report of the unique number of patients drug treated in the 3-month period Jul 2021 to Sep 2021.

Please include all patients with an oncology or malignant haematology diagnosis (all ICD-10 codes starting with C##.# or D##.#)

	Data Field	Comment
1	DRUG NAME [SYSTEMIC ANTI-CANCER THERAPY DRUG NAME]	Alternatively, please supply 'chemo / biologic regimen' if this is simpler to extract from your chemo ePMA.
2	VIRTUAL PRODUCT NAME (SNOMED CT DM+D)	
3	VIRTUAL PRODUCT ID (SNOMED CT DM+D)	
4	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION (SNOMED CT DM+D)	
5	PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS DESCRIPTION, shown as TUMOUR TYPE	Please give the indication description and/or code
6	PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS CODE (ICD-10 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> digit e.g., C0.00) or SNOMED DIAGNOSIS CODE	
7	METASTATIC STATUS (MX, M0 OR M1)	

<b>8</b>	<b>LINE OF THERAPY</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>TREATMENT INTENT</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>COUNT (NUMBER OF UNIQUE PATIENTS)</b>	

A2 Refer to the attached spread sheet: note: 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.

September data is not available at the moment, so the data has been pulled from months June, July and August.

\*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.

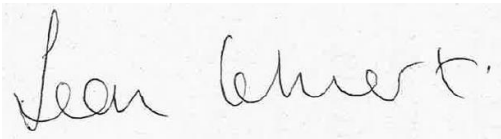
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**