



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-625

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and regarding cancer

As of 1st 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 I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions regarding patient numbers for specified diagnoses codes.

1. In the last 12 months, how many individual patients were treated for biliary tract cancer with the following Diagnosis Codes:

- A) C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct Carcinoma**
- B) C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder**
- C) C24 Malignant Neoplasm of unspecified biliary tract (If possible, could this please be further split to C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct, C24.8 Overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract, C24.9 Biliary Tract, Unspecified).**

Could you please also provide a total unique patient number for all of the diagnosis codes above, in case they have been coded multiple times.

A1 Over the 12 month period 01.11.2022 to 31.10.2023 the following unique patients were treated at UHNM (any multiple treatments for the same patient have been removed).

- A) C22.1 – 23 patients
- B) C23 – 16 patients
- C) C24 – 20 patients
 - C24.0 – <5 patients
 - C24.8 – <5 patients
 - C24.9 – 5 patients

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.

Q2 In the last 12 months, how many patients were treated for Oesophagus Oesophagogastric Junction Cancer? (C16.7)

A2 Over the 12 month period 01.11.2022 to 31.10.2023 there were no patients treated with the code C16.7, there were patients treated with the following (any multiple treatments for the same patient have been removed):

C16 – 60 patients
C160 – 8 Patients
C161 – <5 Patients
C162 – 14 Patients
C163 – 6 Patients
C164 – <5 Patients
C165 – 6 Patients
C166 – <5 Patients
C169 – 17 Patients

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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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Yours,



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