



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-004

Date: 7th April 2022

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st April 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Lung Cancer.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 like to ask the following question regarding lung cancer treatment.

The purpose of these questions is to understand the variability of treatment within your Trust and in context to the rest of the country.

Q1. In the past 3 months (or the latest 3 months data you have available), how many metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients were treated with any of the following:

- Afatinib
- Alectinib
- Atezolizumab monotherapy

- **Atezolizumab in combination**
- **Bevacizumab**
- **Brigatinib**
- **Capmatenib**
- **Ceritinib**
- **Crizotinib**
- **Dacomitinib**
- **Dabrafenib with Trametinib**
- **Docetaxel monotherapy**
- **Durvalumab**
- **Erlotinib**
- **Gefitinib**
- **Gemcitabine**
- **Nintedanib with Docetaxel**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Osimertinib**
- **Paclitaxel**
- **Pembrolizumab monotherapy**
- **Pembrolizumab in combination**
- **Pemetrexed with Carboplatin/Cisplatin**
- **Tepotinib**
- **Vinorelbine with Cisplatin/Carboplatin**
- **Any other SACT**
- **Palliative care only**

A1 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

*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.

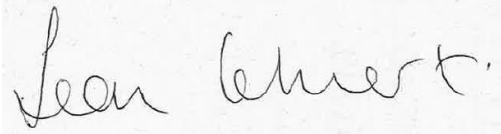
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

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 grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager