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Date: 23rd February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am researching the use of iron therapy in anaemia, in particular to understand the medical conditions and surgical procedures for which iron treatments are being used. I would greatly appreciate it if you could answer the following 3 questions:

Q1. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months (for any disease) with the following products:

Treatment	Number of Patients
Feraccru (ferric maltol capsules)	<5
Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose injection/infusion)	451
Monofer (ferric derisomaltose injection)	<5
Cosmofer (iron dextran injection)	0
Venofer (iron sucrose injection)	0
Any of the above 5 products	454

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

Q2. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients were diagnosed (at any point in the last 12 months) with the following:

- **Chronic Kidney Disease (ICD10 code – N.18) - 17**
- **Heart Failure (ICD10 code – I.50) - 463**
- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (ICD10 codes – K.50 to K.52) - 1080**
- **Malignant neoplasms (ICD10 codes C.00 to c.96) - 4191**
- **Post-Partum Haemorrhage (ICD10 code O.72) - 91**

Patients may have multiple entries due to having stayed on several different wards during the same inpatient episode, or due to having several inpatient episodes during this period.

This report is based in Clinical Coding which can only be recorded after the patient has been discharged, therefore details for December 2021 may be liable to retrospective change.

Diagnostic coding is currently only recorded sporadically against outpatient attendances; therefore, we are unable to provide details of any patients diagnosed in an outpatient setting.

ICD10 Diagnostic Coding does not differentiate between 1st definitive treatment, subsequent treatment, or a history of the condition that may be relevant to/impact upon the current treatment.

Q3. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients undertook the following elective surgeries at any point in the last 12 months:

- **Primary Hip Replacement (OPCS codes W371, W381 and W941) - 991**
- **Hysterectomy (OPCS codes Q074 and Q075) - 77**
- **Colorectal Resection (OPCS codes H071, H0712, H073, H074, H333 and H336) - 36**
- **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (OPCS code K453) - 0**
- **Cardiac Valve Surgery (OPCS codes K262 and K255) - 0**

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I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not

hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Wannell
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