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Dear ,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

1. *The number of new cases of prostate cancer that are diagnosed within the trust in 2013.*

There were 177 new cases of prostate cancer diagnosed in 2013

2. *The details of any NHS specialist erectile dysfunction services available in your area to men who experience erectile dysfunction as a result of prostate cancer treatment, specifically:*

- a) *The details of any NHS erectile dysfunction clinics.*

- b) *The details of any NHS psychosexual clinics.*

- c) *The details of any NHS counselling services and sex therapy services that treat men who have had a prostate cancer diagnosis.*

There is a weekly nurse led erectile dysfunction clinic at our site in Leigh. We do not have a specific psychosexual clinic. Sex therapy services are available via the weekly erectile dysfunction clinic at our site in Leigh although this doesn't cover complex psychosexual issues. We do have a specialist counsellor who will see patients having problems with erections affecting infertility and other counselling services can be arranged via the patients' GP

3. *The details of any NHS specialist continence clinics, specifically targeting men who experience incontinence problems as a result of treatment.*

There are no specific continence services for these men. They managed either via their consultant and primary care professional or they can be referred to the continence service at Hindley Health Centre, Liverpool Rd, Hindley, Wigan, WN2 3HG, Tel 01942 482497.

4. *And if figures are available:*

- a) *The number of prostate cancer men accessing the services detailed in questions one and two.*

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- b) *The total number of all patients who accessed each of the above services between October 2013 and October 2014.*

The figures that we have available are:-

There were 146 Subsequent Visits (Follow-up Appointments) during the period.
There were 140 First Attendances (New Appointments) during the period.

- c) *The length of the waiting list in weeks (if applicable) for each of the above services.*

The average waiting time from Date Referral Received to Attendance Date for a First Attendance was 2.79 weeks.

5. *The details of any specialist support available to the partners of men who have undergone prostate cancer treatment.*

Specialist support is available via the urology nurse key workers at both the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and Macmillan services.

6. *The details of any NHS specialist clinics, providing tailored support to gay, bisexual and trans women who have undergone treatment for prostate cancer.*

We are not aware of any specialist clinics providing tailored support. Support is available via urology nurse key workers at both the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and Macmillan services.

7. *Can you please tell me the number of vacant, frozen or otherwise un-appointed posts within the urology team please:*

- a. *Breaking those down into their discipline.*
- b. *Identify numbers who are Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse posts.*

There are no vacant, frozen posts or otherwise un-appointed posts within the urology team.

The Trust does not have a dedicated nurse; we have a team of urology specialist nurses who each take the lead on a urology specialism so we have one person in each team who takes the lead on this as part of their role.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. 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,



Andrew Foster
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