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Response Due: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Madam,

With reference to your request for information received on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols. A table is provided below for your convenience, or you may return the information in an Excel spreadsheet.**  
**Melanoma, Year 1 follow-ups, Year 2 follow-ups, Year 3 follow-ups, Year 4 follow-ups, Year 5 follow-up's**  
IA - 3 monthly appointments - 1 year follow up.  
IB - 3 monthly appointment for 3 years and 6 monthly for a further 2 years - 5 year follow up.  
IIA - 3 monthly appointment for 3 years and 6 monthly for a further 2 years - 5 year follow up.  
IIB - 3 monthly appointment for 3 years and 6 monthly for a further 2 years - 5 year follow up.
2. **Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other:**
  - a. **Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management'**  
No
  - b. **Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022.**  
Yes - Merseyside and Cheshire CNG Skin Cancer Management Guidelines 2023
  - c. **Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust.**
    - i. **If yes, please provide document in PDF format.**  
Please see attached.

**3. What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)**

The Trusts patients are referred to Whiston Hospital for SLNB.

Please redirect your question to Whiston Hospital – contact details can be found below.

**4. In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.**

N/A our patients are referred to Clatterbridge Cancer Centre for adjuvant immunobiologics.

Please redirect your question to the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre – contact details can be found below.

**5. Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:**

IA - No

IB - No

IIA - No

IIB – Yes if they have a positive SLNB.

**6. For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in your Trust**

**a. 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23**

20/21 - 40

21/22 - 80

22/23 - 76

**7. Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?**

N/A the Trusts patients are referred to Whiston Hospital for SLNB.

Please redirect your question to Whiston Hospital – contact details can be found below.

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If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Hazel Hendriksen

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