

Ref: FOI/2023/9380

Date Received: 8th November 2023

Response Due: 6th December 2023

Date: 14th June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8th November 2023, 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 provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:**
 - **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)**
30.
 - **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)**
9.
 - **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older**
9.
- 2. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:**
 - **Ruxolitinib**
8.
 - **Fedratinib**
0.
 - **Interferon (any type)**
6.
- 3. Of the patients treated in the past 6 months with Ruxolitinib, how many patients had a diagnosis for:**
 - **Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)**
0.
 - **Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)**
8.

4. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?
5.
• Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?
0.
• Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?
0.
• Of these patients, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?
<5.
5. How many Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?
17.
• Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?
13.
• Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?
<5.
6. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of myelofibrosis? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part.
The Trust does not participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of myelofibrosis.

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).

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,



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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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