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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th May 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:

As of 1 Jan 2024:

• Total population size served by Regional Board

Approximately 330,000 people.

• Number of hospitals providing oncology services

1.

• Total number of consultant haematologists employees; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.

3 Consultant Haematologists, 2 registrars, 0 consultants specialising in myeloma, 2 clinical nurse specialists, 0 specialist nurses in myeloma.

During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec), please provide the:

• Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed (Please state which code(s) were used)

C900: Multiple Myeloma = 25 Primary and 2 Recurrence.

• If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

• How many in-person haematology-based consultation/telephone haematology-based consultations/video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally as we do not have specific clinics for MM patients, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec):

• Were multiple myeloma (MM) patients discussed/reviewed at a MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?

General.

• How frequently did MDT meetings meet?

Weekly.

• What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed/discussed at a MDT?

100%.

• Which professionals/disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?

In MDT meetings we have Histopathologists, Radiologists, Haematologists, Clinical Oncologists along with Haematology CNSs and MDT co-ordinators.

• What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients?

We have a Trust led palliative care team who see our patients when required.

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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