

FOI 3609

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question a) How many patients have been diagnosed with Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC) in your Trust the past 12 months?

	Number of Patients
All Bladder Cancer Patients (C67)	
Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC)	
Carcinoma in situ of the bladder (D0.9.0)	

Response:

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this information as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of individual patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that as MDM data is not recorded on EPIC, therefore we would require an extensive manual review of all pathology records, or a review of individual MDM outcomes just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

Question b) How many patients with Bladder Cancer are currently taking Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) therapy that was initiated by the Urology department?

	Number of Patients
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) initiated by Urology	

Response:

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Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that as MDM data is not recorded on EPIC, therefore we would require an extensive manual review of all patients with an active OP order, for the specific clinic, just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

Question c) How many patients with Bladder Cancer are currently taking Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) therapy that was initiated by the Oncology department?

	Number of Patients
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) initiated by Oncology	

Response:

	Number of Patients
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) initiated by Oncology	0

All BCG treatments are initiated by Urology.

Question d) How many patients with Bladder Cancer are currently taking Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) therapy that was initiated by a department other than Urology or Oncology department?

	Department	Number of Patients
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) initiated by another department (please specify)		

Response:

	Department	Number of Patients
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) initiated by another department (please specify)	Urology	N/A

All BCG treatments are initiated by Urology.

Question e) Which healthcare specialty is responsible for the prescribing of Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) to patients with Bladder Cancer?

Healthcare Specialty	Yes / No
Oncologist	
Urologist	
Specialist Oncology Nurse	
Specialist Urology Nurse	
Other please specify	

Response:

Healthcare Specialty	Yes / No
Oncologist	No
Urologist	Yes
Specialist Oncology Nurse	No
Specialist Urology Nurse	Yes
Other please specify	N/A

Question f) Which healthcare specialty is responsible for the administration of Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) to patients with Bladder Cancer?

Healthcare Specialty	Yes / No
Oncologist	
Urologist	
Specialist Oncology Nurse	
Specialist Urology Nurse	
Other please specify	

Response:

Healthcare Specialty	Yes / No
Oncologist	No
Urologist	No
Specialist Oncology Nurse	No
Specialist Urology Nurse	Yes
Other please specify	N/A

Question g) How many patients with Bladder Cancer have been BCG-unresponsive in the past 12-months?

	Number of Procedures
BCG-unresponsive	

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Question h) How many patients with Bladder Cancer have received a combination therapy of BCG + Interferon + Gemcitabine in the past 12-months?

	Number of Patients
BCG + Interferon + Gemcitabine	

Response:

We do not use this treatment.

Question i) How many trans-urethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT) procedures have been carried out in the past 12-months (OPCS code M32.6)?

	Number of Procedures
Trans-urethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT) procedures	

Response: Please refer to attachment 1.

Question j) How many of the following cystectomy procedures in patients with Bladder Cancer have been carried out in the past 12 months?

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Number of Procedures
M34.3	Cystectomy NEC	
M34.4	Simple cystectomy	

Response: Please refer to attachment 2.

Question k) Please provide a list of other Trusts or organisations that you refer patients to for Cystectomy

Full name of Trust or organisation(s)

Response:

Full name of Trust or organisation(s)
Belfast Health and Social Care NHS Trust

Question I) How many of the following bladder procedures have been carried out in the past 12 months?

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Number of Procedures
M49.4 + X72.2	Intravesical instillation of MMC	
49.4 + X72.2	Intravesical instillation of BCG	
M49.4	Intravesical instillation of IAluril/Cystistat	
M42.3 + Y08.4	Laser ablation of bladder tumour (TULA)	

Response: Please refer to attachment 3.

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