

FOI - 2169

19th February 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I am requesting the following information on local healthcare and support service provision for multiple myeloma patients as part of a wider project (funded by Myeloma UK). Please provide the following information:

As of 1 Jan 2024:

Total population size served by HSC Trust

Southern Trust - Approximately 370,000

Number of hospitals providing oncology services

Response:

1 – Craigavon Area Hospital

Total number of consultant haematologists employees;

Response:

2.8 WTE

Specialist haematology registrars employed;

Response:

1.0 WTE

Consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma;

Response:

Incorporated in to 2.8 WTE

Haematology clinical nurse specialists employed

Response:

Advanced Nurse Practitioner 1.0 WTE Haematology CNS 2.6 WTE

and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists -

Response:

incorporated in to CNS 2.6 WTE

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

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

Response:

There were 31 Patients diagnosed from 01.01.23 – 31.12.23 (*19 are 31D and 12 are 62D patients*)

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

Response:

We are unable to determine from our information system how many of these were smouldering myeloma, this would require a manual review of patient records. 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. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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

Response:

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During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec):

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

Response:

Multiple Myeloma patients are discussed at a General Haematology MDT

How frequently did MDT meetings meet?

Response:

Weekly

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

Response:

All patients discussed at MDT

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

Response:

Consultants, Haematology CNS, Pathologists, Radiologists

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

Response:

Patients are referred to Palliative Care team as required

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