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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 15/10/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. What guidelines or protocols do you refer to regarding the management of patients with:**
 - a) Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)** – The Trust follow the British Society for Rheumatology guideline for the management of systemic lupus erythematosus in adults.
 - b) Lupus nephritis (LN)** – The Trust follow the Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) 2021 guidelines for glomerular diseases.
- 2. Please detail the number of patients that were admitted as an inpatient or day case in the last 12 months for the following primary diagnosis:**

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Patient number and care setting	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Inpatient admission	2
Day case	0

- 3. Do you refer patients within the ICD10 code M321 to another Trust? If you answered 'Yes', please detail which Trusts you refer patients to.**

The Trust's Renal Centre is a tertiary facility, so cases are referred to us to be locally managed.
- 4. Is there a specific clinic for LN patients at your Trust?**

There is not a specific clinic for Lupus nephritis within the Trust. These patients are seen in the general Nephrology clinic.

5. Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the ICD10 code Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321):

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Product	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Azathioprine	-
Belimumab	-
Ciclosporin	-
Cyclophosphamide	-
Mycophenolate mofetil	-
Oral tacrolimus	-

The Trust is only able to provide information in relation to drug dispensing, we do not record diagnoses on our clinical systems so therefore we are unable to link the type of drug to diagnosis.

To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

6. Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and primary care for the treatment of lupus nephritis? If you answered 'Yes', which of the following medicines can be prescribed within the shared care agreement?

	Azathioprine	Ciclosporin	Cyclophosphamide	Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF)	Oral tacrolimus
Yes/No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

7. Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and a tertiary centre for the treatment of lupus nephritis? If so, please specify what medicines can be prescribed in secondary care within these shared care agreements:

There is an overarching shared care agreement in place that covers renal autoimmune indications. This agreement is valid between a tertiary centre (the Trust) and primary care. Medicines included are tacrolimus, Mycophenolate mofetil, ciclosporin and azathioprine.

8. What is the name of your local integrated care system? – current

Portsmouth Primary Care Alliance Ltd NHS
 South East Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group

9. For the LN patient pathway, is care commissioned by:

	Activity	Block contract	Blended payment
Yes	-	Yes	-

No	-	-	-
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Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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