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Ref: 21-22 541

Dear Sir or Madam,

Freedom of Information request

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you. Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 28/01/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months (for any disease) with the following products:

Treatment	Patients
Feraccru (ferric maltol capsules)	<4
Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose injection/infusion)	18
Monofer (ferric derisomaltose injection)	512
Cosmofer (iron dextran injection)	<4
Venofer (iron sucrose injection)	<4
Any of the above 5 products	534

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are four or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

2. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients were diagnosed (at any point in the last 12 months) with the following:

- **Chronic Kidney Disease (ICD10 code – N.18)**
- **Heart Failure (ICD10 code – I.50)**
- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (ICD10 codes – K.50 to K.52)**
- **Malignant neoplasms (ICD10 codes C.00 to c.96)**
- **Post-Partum Haemorrhage (ICD10 code O.72)**

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.

- 3. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients undertook the following elective surgeries at any point in the last 12 months:**
- **Primary Hip Replacement (OPCS codes W371, W381 and W941)**
 - **Hysterectomy (OPCS codes Q074 and Q075)**
 - **Colorectal Resection (OPCS codes H071, H0712, H073, H074, H333 and H336)**
 - **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (OPCS code K453)**
 - **Cardiac Valve Surgery (OPCS codes K262 and K255)**

Please see answer in question 2.

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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