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Dear

RE: 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 02/05/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

Question 1

How many patients has your Organisations treated in the past 3 months for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL)?

A total of 26 CLL patients started a treatment (either first definitive or subsequent) within the Trust between 01/01/2023 and 31/03/2023.

In case you do not treat CLL, which other Organisation do you refer patients needing treatment to?

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust treats all CLL patients that are referred to us.

Question 2

How many Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following:

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.

BR (bendamustine + rituximab)
Calquence (acalabrutinib)
FCR (fludarabine + cyclophosphamide + rituximab)
Gazyva (obinutuzumab) + chlorambucil
Imbruvica (ibrutinib)
Venclexta (venetoclax)
Venclexta (venetoclax) + Gazyva (obinutuzumab)

Venclexta (venetoclax) + rituximab
Zydelig (idelalisib) + rituximab
Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy
Wait and watch (monitoring only, no active treatment)

Question 3

If your Organisation does treat Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia patients, do you currently participate in any ongoing clinical trials for the treatment of CLL? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?

Please see below table. Please note, the Trust is unable to provide precise figures when these are five 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

Names of Trials	Number of participants
Familial CLL study	0
GS-UK-312-46739_Retro-Idel	6
LRF CLL4	<5
Mature Lymphoid Malignancies Observational Study	152
MRC CLL5	0
FLAIR	12

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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