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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 123- 2019

Thank you for your email dated 5th May 2019 requesting Information about the availability of unlicensed systemic anticancer therapy (SACT) being offered at the Trust, outside a clinical trial, for the treatment of acute myeloid leukaemia or acute lymphoblastic leukaemia between April 2017 and April 2019.

I would like to request information about the availability of unlicensed systemic anticancer therapy (SACT) being offered at your hospital, outside a clinical trial, for the treatment of acute myeloid leukaemia or acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (referred as "indications" below) between April 2017 and April 2019.

Question 1

Does your hospital offered any unlicensed SCATs for these indications that was provided by drug company via a free-of-charge scheme, managed access scheme or patient access scheme that was not commissioned or reimbursed by NHS England.

Question 2

Which drugs were involved in these schemes? If not able to provide name, please state total number.

Question 3

How many patient received treatment under these schemes?

Question 4

Please provide your local procedure/policy for access to unlicensed SCAT that is not commissioned or reimbursed by NHS England. Who is responsible for approval of these requests in your organisation?

Question 5

Please provide your local pharmacy procedure/policy for quality control or quality reassurance of these unlicensed medications when they are delivered to hospital.

The information requested is not held by The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust. The supply of SACT medication for these patients forms part of a Service Level Agreement with the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, and has done so since July 2017 when our Trust acquired the Hemato- Oncology Service. Therefore, please contact the Freedom of Information Team within the Royal Liverpool University Hospital for this information. Details of how you can do this can be found on their website via the following link:

<https://www.rlbuht.nhs.uk/about-the-trust/freedom-of-information/>

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>