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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 134- 2020**

Thank you for your email dated the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020, providing clarification for the above mentioned request relating to policy for the clinical management of patients who are referred to the Trust with a choroidal melanoma.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1. Please confirm whether the Trust has a policy in place for the clinical management of patients who are referred to the Trust with a choroidal melanoma.**

**We do not have any policies in place for the clinical management of patients who are referred to the Trust with a choroidal melanoma, as such. However, we do have a series of protocols that cover the relevant areas from referral from an ophthalmologist to the discharge of the patient back to the ophthalmologist.**

- 2. If so, please provide copies of your policies of management for the treatment of a choroidal melanoma that were in effect from October 2019 until the present day.**

**Please see above.**

**The protocols referred to above relating to referral, simulation, treatment, patient care and radiation safety questions for patients referred for treatment of choroidal melanoma are available upon request. A short summary of each document is provided below:**

- **CPLRefer - Referrals are made by external organisations and we follow this protocol in order to accept or reject the referrals received**
- **CRCMSQ – This is the safety questionnaire that is used to assess the patient before treatment is given**
- **CPCPatCare- This is the flowchart and document that is used to assess issues with the eye in order to ensure that we respond accordingly**
- **CPLSimul – This describes the process and responsibilities of booking and planning for each of our patients**
- **CPLTREAT - This covers the process and responsibilities for treatment through to the discharge of patients back to the ophthalmologist.**

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.