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Ref: CORP 2023 - 006
Date: 26/01/2023

Dear *****

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information in which we received on 18/01/2023.

Your Request:

Dear Freedom of Information Team,

I am conducting analysis on the usage of medicines in secondary care and kindly request your help.

I would be grateful if you could send a dataset from your Trust, to inform this analysis:

(1) SACT Cancer report

An extract from the chemotherapy ePMA system showing patients treated by drug and diagnosis, as specified in table 1 (below).

Please email your response by reply with the data in .csv format and feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions about this request.

Appendices – specification

Please include the following data fields:

(1) Table 1- SACT Cancer report

An extract of records from the chemotherapy ePMA system between **Sep 2022 and Dec 2022** for all solid tumour and haematology malignancies (ICD-10 primary diagnosis codes C* and D*)

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Source: NHS Digital, NHS Data Model and Dictionary, Systemic Anti-cancer Therapy Data Set
https://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/data_sets/clinical_data_sets/systemic_anti-cancer_therapy_data_set.html

Organisation code (code of provider)
Primary diagnosis (ICD-10 3 rd or 4 th digit)
Morphology (ICD-O)
TNM stage
Adjunctive therapy type
Regimen treatment intent
Drug regimen
Drug regimen acronym
Clinical trial indicator
Drug name
Actual dose
Unit of measure
Route of administration
Cycle number
Number of planned cycles
SACT administration date
Organisation identifier (of SACT administration)

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Velindre University Trust response is shown below:

Velindre University NHS Trust is applying Section 12 Appropriate time limit to Questions 1 as we do not record this data in a format that enables us to retrieve information to the level of detail required to specifically answer this request.

It is our estimation that to carry out this task the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit (prescribed hourly rate of £25 per hour). In reaching this decision we estimate that it would take a minimum of 18 hours to manually review the necessary information within our patient records. Therefore, to obtain the data would work out at approximately 18 @ £25.00 per hour (cost permitted under the Act) = £450.00.

In our duty to advise and assist you, then we would like to give you the option to revise your request so that it falls below the prescribed appropriate limit.

The legislation states:

12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Page 23, paragraph 6.9 of [Section 45 \(Code of Practice\) on Request Handling under FOI](#) states:

6.9 Where a request is refused under section 12, public authorities should consider what advice and assistance can be provided to help the applicant reframe or refocus their request with a view to bringing it within the cost limit. This may include suggesting that the subject or timespan of the request is narrowed. Any refined request should be treated as a new request for the purposes of the Act.

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I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. You should forward your complaint to:-

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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:-

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Telephone: 0330 414 6421
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Yours sincerely

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