

Ref: FOI/2023/9469

Date Received: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Response Due: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. In the last 12 months, how many individual patients were treated for biliary tract cancer with the following Diagnosis Codes:**

**A) C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct Carcinoma**

7

**B) C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder**

10

**C) C24 Malignant Neoplasm of unspecified biliary tract (If possible, could this please be further split to C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct, C24.8 Overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract, C24.9 Biliary Tract, Unspecified).**

**C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct**

<5

**C24.8 Overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract**

0

## C24.9 Biliary Tract

<5

Could you please also provide a total unique patient number for all of the diagnosis codes above, in case they have been coded multiple times.

2. In the last 12 months, how many patients were treated for Oesophagus Oesophagogastric Junction Cancer? (C16.7)

Diagnosis	Primary	Recurrence	Metastases	Benign
C220 – Malignant neoplasm, liver cell carcinoma	30	0	0	0
C221 – Malignant neoplasm, intrahep bile duct carcinoma	7	0	0	0
C23X - Malignant neoplasm of gallbladder	10	0	0	0
C240 - Malignant neoplasm of extrahepatic bile duct	<5	0	0	0
C249 - Malignant neoplasm of biliary tract, unspecified	<5	0	0	0
Total	51	0	0	0

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

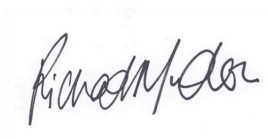
To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

Please note that diagnosis is only coded in inpatients therefore the Trust does not hold the requested information for patients treated in outpatients.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Mundon  
Director of Strategy and Planning

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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