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Response Due: 23rd November 2023

Date: 22nd November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th October 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. What percentage of FBC tests alone (without a biochemistry test such as kidney function) are prescribed for chemotherapy patients per month?**

100% All patients require a blood test prior to chemotherapy treatment.

- 2. For the services in your hospital, are FBC tests prescribed to be done at the hospital, in a GP unit or at the pharmacy or in some other primary care setting?**

In hospital	GP	Pharmacy	Other primary care setting
Cancer care Centre			
Yes	No	No	Yes

3. What is the expected time for FBC tests scheduled before chemotherapy - 72h before chemotherapy day, 48h, 24h, or on the day of chemotherapy?

Pre First cycle 7 days

48h ✓

24h ✓

Tests on chemotherapy day

4. In the last year January 2022-January 2023 how many cancer treatment appointments for chemotherapy were cancelled due to the patient having neutropenia and/or thrombocytopenia on the same day as chemotherapy scheduled appointment?

We do not hold this data.

5. What are chemotherapies that only require an FBC test to decide if chemotherapy can be administered (without other biochemistry tests such as kidney function)?

None.

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,



Mark Almond - Directorate Manager - Specialist Services

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