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Date Received: 6th November 2023

Response Due: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6<sup>th</sup> November 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:

Please answer the questions with regards to NHS patients, i.e., excluding patients that received treatment as part of clinical trials or private healthcare.

# Patients with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)

- 1. How many patients with AML, <u>in total</u>, have been <u>treated</u> with the following therapies during the last 6 months, irrespective of start date or line of therapy?
  - Azacitidine monotherapy

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Low dose cytarabine (LoDAC) monotherapy

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Venetoclax + azacitidine

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Venetoclax + LoDAC

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Ivosidenib

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Intensive chemotherapy-based regimen

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Other

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- 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).
- 2. How many <u>newly diagnosed</u> patients with AML have <u>started first-line treatment</u> with the following therapies during the last 6 months?

Note: this should only include patients who have <u>started first-line treatment during the 6-</u>month window

• Azacitidine monotherapy

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Low dose cytarabine (LoDAC) monotherapy

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Venetoclax + azacitidine

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3. (a) Of the patients with AML treated with venetoclax (venetoclax + azacitidine or venetoclax + LoDAC) in the last 6 months, how many are approved for treatment via Blueteq?

All patients were approved on blueteq who received venetoclax as part of their treatment.

# Patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)

4. How many patients with CLL have <u>received treatment</u> with venetoclax in the past 6 months (including venetoclax monotherapy, venetoclax + rituximab, venetoclax + obinutuzumab or venetoclax + ibrutinib)?

Note: this should include patients who started treatment prior to the 6-month window

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5. How many patients with CLL who were <u>new to all lines of treatment</u> received venetoclax in the past 6 months (including venetoclax monotherapy, venetoclax + rituximab, venetoclax + obinutuzumab or venetoclax + ibrutinib)?

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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,

Gary Masterman

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Associate Director of Pharmacy

# PLEASE NOTE:

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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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