

Our Ref: 471/2023
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I would like to make a freedom of information request (under the Freedom of Information Act 2000) in relation to the below questions.

1. Are you able to confirm whether the Hospital Trust has a Non Specific Symptom Pathway / Rapid Diagnostic Service for patients who do not clearly fit into a single 'urgent cancer' referral pathway?

Yes since 2018. GP led pathway in place. Direct access to bloods/Imaging .Suspicious finding direct to Site specific MDT

2. Can you confirm whether filter function tests (FFT) undertaken in primary care prior to referral to the NSS pathway/RDS include myeloma specific diagnostic testing?

NO

(Myeloma diagnostic specific defined as – Full Blood Count, Adjusted/corrected serum calcium, Serum creatinine, plasma viscosity or ESR, Serum Protein Electrophoresis, Bence Jones Urinary Protein Test , Serum Free Light Chain Assay, Serum immunoglobulins (IgG, IgA and IgM))

3. If FFTs include myeloma specific tests, please list which myeloma specific tests are required as part of the referral. Please can you also state whether these tests are mandatory or optional.

NA

4. Since the implementation of the NSS/RDS pathway at your Trust, in breakdown by years, how many cases of myeloma and / or Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) have been diagnosed via the NSS/RDS pathway.

None

5. Is a Heamatologist a core member of the NSS/RDC multidisciplinary team?

No MDT for NSS all direct to site specific MDTs

6. Are NSS/RDC Multidisciplinary team meetings held weekly to review patients?

NA