

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q1. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:

- Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)
- Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)
- Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older

The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format.

While diagnostic codes within the ICD-10 “D” category may occasionally be recorded in patient records, with the exception of certain codes linked to ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) and lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS) for breast cancer, the Trust is not required to submit other “D” codes to national datasets such as the Cancer Waiting Times dataset or the Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset (COSD). As a result, coding for these conditions is not routinely captured or validated in a way that would allow the Trust to produce reliable figures for the number of patients treated for these diagnoses.

Although diagnostic information may sometimes be available within histopathology records, this would only relate to laboratory diagnoses and would not provide a complete record of patients who subsequently received treatment. In addition, inpatient datasets alone would not capture patients who may have commenced or received treatment through outpatient services.

For these reasons, the Trust is unable to provide accurate counts of patients treated for the specified conditions within the requested timeframe, and the information is therefore considered not held in a reportable format.

Q2. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:

- Ruxolitinib - 14
- Fedratinib - #
- Momelotinib - #

Where figures are fewer than five, they have been replaced with “#”.

This is because the disclosure of very small numbers, particularly when combined with other information provided (such as year, service area or site), may risk the identification of individuals. The Trust has therefore applied small number suppression in accordance with Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Personal Data).

Section 40(2) exempts information from disclosure where it constitutes personal data and where disclosure would be unfair or unlawful under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Replacing small numbers with “#” helps ensure that individuals cannot be identified from the information provided.

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If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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