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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CNACER PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cancer prescribing.

Question:

1. In the last 6 months, how many patients have been diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)?

Answer:

53

Question:

2. Of these patients, how many commenced treatment at your trust within the last 6 months?

Answer:

36 started SACT treatment.

Question:

3. In the last 6 months, how many patients have you treated for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) with the following treatments:
  - a. R-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone)
  - b. R-mini-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone)
  - c. Pola-BR (polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine)
  - d. Pola-R-CHP (Polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, and prednisolone)
  - e. R-CODOX-M (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin and methotrexate)
  - f. R-IVAC (rituximab, ifosfamide, etoposide and cytarabine)
  - g. R-GCVP (Rituximab, gemcitabine, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisolone)
  - h. (DA)-EPOCH +/-R (Prednisolone, doxorubicin, vincristine, etoposide, cyclophosphamide, rituximab)

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- i. R-GemOX (rituximab, gemcitabine and oxaliplatin)
- j. Axicabtagene ciloleucel
- k. Tisagenlecleucel
- l. Epcoritamab
- m. Loncastuximab tesirine
- n. Glofitamab
- o. Any other SACT
- p. Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic)

Answer:

- a. 46
- b. 13
- c. 0
- d. 5 or fewer
- e. 0
- f. 0
- g. 0
- h. 0
- i. 5 or fewer
- j. requires linkage
- k. requires linkage
- l. 5 or fewer
- m. 5 or fewer
- n. 0
- o. 28
- p. 5 or fewer

Question:

4. In the last 6 months, how many patients have received the following 2nd line treatments for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL):

- a. Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta)
- b. Tisagenlecleucel
- c. Pola-BR (polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine)
- d. R-GemOX (rituximab, gemcitabine and oxaliplatin)
- e. Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic)
- f. Any other treatments

Answer:

- a. requires linkage
- b. requires linkage
- c. 0
- d. 0

- e. requires linkage
- f. 22

Question:

5. In the last 6 months, how many patients has the Trust treated for 3rd line Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)?

Answer:

12

Question:

6. In the last 6 months, how many patients have you referred to other trusts for the treatment of Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) for the following treatments:

- a. CAR-T Therapy (E.g. Axicabtagene ciloleucel)
- b. Stem cell transplant or bone marrow transplant (autologous or allogeneic)
- c. Any other treatment

Answer:

- a. 0
- b. 0
- c. 0

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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Yours sincerely

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