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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRESCRIBING

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

Question:

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

Answer:

1a	Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)	88
1b	Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)	34
1c	Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older	19

Question:

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

Answer:

2a	Ruxolitinib	44
2b	Fedratinib	5<
2c	Momelotinib	9

Question:

3. How many patients were treated with Ruxolitinib in the past 6 months for the following diseases?

Answer:

3a	Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)	17
3b	Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)	22
3c	Other/Unknown	5<

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

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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).

Question:

4. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?

Answer:

4a	Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?	X
4b	Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?	X
4c	Of these patients, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?	X

Unable to identify this diagnosis through any available clinical system. This data is not recorded in an accessible way.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner’s Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner’s response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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