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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – BLOOD CANCERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to blood cancers.

Question:

- Under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, I would like to request the following information for your healthcare trust during the period 1st Jan2015 to 31st December 2025:
 1. Annual number of patients diagnosed with blood cancers per year overall, and by subtype:
 - Lymphomas (C81-86)
 - Malignant immunoproliferative diseases (C88)
 - Multiple myeloma and malignant plasma cell neoplasms (C90)
 - Leukaemia (C91-C95)
 - Unspecified malignant neoplasms of lymphoid, haematopoietic and related tissues (C96)

Answer:

| Year of incidence | Leukaemia (C91-C95) | Lymphomas (C81-C86) | Malignant immunoproliferative (C88) | Multiple myeloma/ Plasma cell (C90) | Unspecified lymphoid/ haematopoietic (C96) |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2015 | 99 | 202 | 24 | 78 | 8 |
| 2016 | 120 | 189 | 22 | 88 | 5 or fewer |
| 2017 | 104 | 196 | 13 | 73 | 8 |
| 2018 | 123 | 194 | 16 | 66 | 5 or fewer |
| 2019 | 118 | 179 | 9 | 59 | 5 or fewer |
| 2020 | 136 | 188 | 23 | 56 | 6 |
| 2021 | 126 | 178 | 18 | 70 | 5 or fewer |
| 2022 | 114 | 194 | 22 | 76 | 6 |
| 2023 | 130 | 183 | 21 | 78 | 5 or fewer |
| 2024 | 119 | 186 | 18 | 104 | 5 or fewer |

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Notes:

This analysis uses SMR06 data from the period of 2015 to 2024. As 2024 is the latest year for which complete data is available, the 2025 period was excluded. The dataset includes patients registered with NHS Lothian who had an incidence date for a blood cancer diagnoses, matching the given ICD-10 codes, during this timeframe.

Question:

2. The number of blood cancer clinical trials available, including active trials that are recruiting and trials that are not actively recruiting.
3. Annual number of patients who were enrolled in interventional or observational clinical trials related to these blood cancers per year.
4. The scientific title, clinical trial registration number, phase (I/II/III/IV/other), opening and closing recruitment dates, number recruited at this trust, and location of each trial related to blood cancer.

Answer:

See enclosed spreadsheet.

Question:

5. The current number of dedicated research staff (e.g. research nurses, research practitioners, study coordinators etc.) assigned to haematological clinical trials.

Answer:

B7 Lead Research Nurse 0.8 WTE

B6 x 3 Senior Research Nurses 3.0 WTE

B6 Senior Data Manager 1.0 WTE

B5 x 3 Data Managers 3.0 WTE

Lab support team - help when required to manage blood and tissue samples - 1 x B7, 2 x B5, 1 x B3

Currently - 1 B6 Senior Research Nurse out to advert & funding for 1 x B5 Data Manager (not yet advertised)

Question:

6. If available, annual counts of invitations/offers made to eligible patients to consider trial participation.

Answer:

See enclosed spreadsheet.

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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